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## Bishop asks for bond to be lowered

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER



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Dwayne Bishop sat quietly before Judge John David Caudill Tuesday afternoon.

Dwayne Bishop, who is set to go to trial in June for allegedly murdering his wife, Carolyn Bishop, appeared in Floyd Circuit Court Tuesday afternoon to request that his bond be lowered and also that his defense team be given access to documents in the possession of prosecutors.

At the onset, Caudill made it clear to the members of Bishop's defense that they were entitled to all documents and statements prosecu-

tors have in possession and that the Commonwealth's Attorney's office had, in fact, been given all documents and statements pertaining to the case.

After considering this, Caudill made defense attorneys aware that any information they wanted to obtain could be found in the Circuit Clerk's office and assured them repeatedly that they would have no problem gaining access to those files as they are public record.

The matter then came to rest and the hearing proceeded.

The motion to lower bond and

consider a property bond, according to Bishop's lawyers, was made because Bishop was needed to assist in his case beyond what help he could offer while being confined.

The defense claimed that because much of the evidence against Bishop was based on what had been said by certain individuals, he was needed in order to better direct the nature of his own defense.

Bishop's bond presently stands at \$250,000, which the defense stresses he cannot conceivably pay as he did not have substantial enough income.

In reply to the motion, Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner maintained a firm stance.

"The bond has already been lowered once and it seems more than reasonable considering the seriousness of the crime," Turner said. "If you need Mr. Bishop to assist, then I suggest you bring him back to Floyd County so that he can better do that. He's the one who asked to be moved in the first place."

Before Judge John David Caudill moved on with the remaining

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Breaking the century mark

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briefs

### School holidays canceled

Floyd County schools will be in session on Thursday and Friday, March 1 and 2.

Earlier plans had called for students to have a break on these two days, but recent inclement weather has altered those plans. Students should make arrangements to attend school on a regular schedule.

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Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, equipped in full fire gear, advances with caution into a flaming demonstration trailer. The demonstration was an in-depth component of Prestonsburg's Public Safety training held at the Mountain Arts Center Saturday morning.

## Prestonsburg council prepares for opening of Stone Crest

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

The mood was light during Prestonsburg's city council meeting Monday evening as council members displayed an eagerness matched only by hopeful anticipation at plans for the city's future expansion.

Although the meeting began with a detailed question-and-answer session from the council to Charles Neeley of the state Department of Highways concerning the possibility of opening Jackson Street and again addressing the need for a traffic light at Mays Branch, an area that, according to Neeley, still doesn't meet the criteria, it wasn't long before discussion turned to the city's mountaintop development project, including the

Stone Crest golf course and recreational complex.

Once information was gained on how to further pursue the Jackson Street opening and after a well-developed pitch from Fred James about the tourism plans for his Arcade of Attractions, both of which will need to be looked at more closely in future meetings, discussion moved with deliberate speed to Larry Ward, golf pro and overseer of the details surrounding the completion and eventual management of Stone Crest.

After Mayor Jerry Fannin introduced the council to a comprehensive master plan for the Mountaintop Recreational Area, followed by a recommendation by Fannin and a successful motion by councilman

Jim Derossett to begin advertising for bids for earthwork, sprinklers and topsoil, it was time for Larry Ward to fill in details and answer questions.

Ward, who was more than happy to explain the rate of progress, fielded questions about membership, completion and other details.

"We have 151 members as of today," Ward said. "Membership is \$1,150 per person for a year and an additional \$300 will add a family member, plus a cart fee."

If plans go smoothly, and Ward said he feels confident that they will, the golf course should open in the middle of May and actually be ready for play by May 1.

In addition to the golf course,

(See GOLF COURSE, page three)

## 3 robberies early Sunday may be linked

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

In what seems to be a little more than just coincidence, three convenient stores in Floyd and Johnson counties fell prey to armed robbers early Sunday morning.

Cardinal Mart along Watergap Road, Meade's BP Gas Station along Route 321 at Auxier, and the BP Stop and Go in Paintsville across from Mayo Plaza are now among the list of six businesses in the area that have been hit by robberies or burglaries since last week.

(See HEISTS, page three)



Meade's BP, above, and Cardinal Mart were two businesses targeted by robbers early Sunday morning.



## Judge pays off debt after fundraiser

by RALPH B. DAVIS  
MANAGING EDITOR

County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson is shrugging away criticism of a fundraiser, reportedly organized by House Majority Floor Leader Greg Stumbo, to help him pay off debts left during his years as sheriff of Floyd County.

In a succession of audits conducted by state Auditor Ed Hatchett's office since 1995, Thompson was accused of owing \$28,815.

Thompson said he disagreed with the findings of the audits but paid the debt anyway last Wednesday to settle the controversy.

Some of the money Thompson paid to the county was

(See THOMPSON, page two)

## Sniping pushes board meeting past midnight

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

The Floyd County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday evening to tackle a full two-page agenda. As Rev. Johnnie E. Ross, board chairman, called the meeting to order, he expressed a desire to facilitate an expedient and productive evening, as he had "promised someone that we will be out by 9 [p.m.]"

However, due in part to the

airing of grievances related to poor working relationships among board members, it was well past that hour before the board voted to adjourn shortly after midnight.

Ross offered condolences from the board to the family of Ellis Spurlock, a former school bus driver who died over the weekend after an extended illness resulting from injuries sustained in a car accident, as well as condolences to area students who have suffered recent losses in

their families.

The board then paused for a moment of silent reflection upon the Shriner's Hospital motto, "No one ever stood as tall, as when they stooped to help a child."

Beverly Crisman, community education coordinator, then introduced two forensics students who gave emotionally charged dramatic reading performances.

Jessica Bryant, a Prestonsburg High School student, read "I'll be looking for you, Ace," a poem detailing the death of an 11-year-

old from the eyes of a sibling. Megan Goble, an Adams Middle School student, read "Eulogy of a City," highlighting Nazi war crimes against a small village.

Justin Smallwood, a South Floyd High School student, was scheduled to present a dramatic reading also, but was unable to attend due to his participation in a district band tournament.

Other students recognized were Denise Hall, a Stumbo Elementary student and winner of the Floyd County District

Spelling Bee, and Alanna Cline, a student at Allen Elementary, as runner-up of the contest.

Crisman also gave special mention to the May Valley Dance Team, which recently came in first place in the state dance and cheerleading competition.

Crisman ended her segment before the board with a reminder to everyone to "be important in the life of a child."

The board then moved to busi-

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 Johnson Central's academic team won first place as the best overall team at the 15th Region academic tournament held at Allen Central High School on Saturday. Betsy Layne came in second, followed by Pike Central in third, and Paintsville High in fourth.

## BLHS places second in academic tourney

by MARY MUSIC  
 STAFF WRITER

Allen Central High School teamed up with local volunteers to host the 15th Region Tournament for the 2001 Governor's Cup Competition on Saturday.

The area's best and brightest students from schools in Pike, Johnson, Floyd and Martin counties competed for the opportunity of representing the region at the state tournament in Louisville.

Students, who have been preparing since September, were given written assessment tests which challenged their knowledge in the areas of math, science, English composition, social studies, language arts, general knowledge and future problem solving.

After hours of rigorous testing, teams began a series of quick-recall sessions, competing against the runners-up in the district.

The winners of Saturday's competition, who will represent the 15th district at the state tournament, are:

**Mathematics:** First place, John Slone of Allen Central; second place, Swathi Rao of Johnson Central; third place, Justin Shafner of Pikeville; fourth place, Silas Adkins of Shelby Valley; and fifth place,

Josh Allen of Betsy Layne.

**Science:** First place, Josh Daniel of Johnson Central; second place, James Stambaugh of Johnson Central; third place, Pavan Bhatraju of Pikeville; fourth place, John Slone of Allen Central; and fifth place, Tommy Greene of the Piarist School.

**Composition:** First place, Amberly Meek of Johnson Central; second place, Sam Allen of Paintsville, third place, Shegufa Sikder of Johnson Central; fourth place, Linda Shiber of Paintsville; and fifth place, Sarah Sparks of Johnson Central.

**Social Studies:** First place, Eddie Gilliam of Pike Central; second place, Justin Howard of Pike Central; third place, Branden Blankenship of Pike Central, fourth place, Brett Hall of the Piarist School; and fifth place, G. Brandan Newsome of Betsy Layne.

**Language Arts:** First place, Billy Newsome of Betsy Layne; second place, Laura Wells of Johnson Central; third place, Swathi Rao of Johnson Central; fourth place, Mollie McMillian of Betsy Layne; and fifth place, Julie Shubinski of Paintsville.

**General Knowledge:** First place, Laura Wells of Johnson Central; second place, David Simpson of Johnson Central;

third place, Billy Newsome of Betsy Layne; fourth place, Richie Duncan of Belfry; and fifth place, D.J. Smith of Pike Central.

The future problem solving teams from Johnson Central, first place, and Paintsville High School, second place, will compete in the state tournament. Shelby Valley placed third, and Allen Central place fourth in the competition.

The quick-recall teams of Johnson Central High School, first place, and Betsy Layne High School, second place, will also compete in the state tournament. Pikeville High School placed third in the competition, and Belfry High School placed fourth.

Johnson Central took first place as the best overall team, followed by Betsy Layne in second, Pike Central in third, and Paintsville High School in fourth.

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## Thompson

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given to him by guests at a party thrown at Thunder Ridge Raceway three weeks ago.

Thompson acknowledged that the party took place and that he received gifts from the guests, but refused to identify those in attendance. The Lexington Herald-Leader reported Tuesday that the event was organized by Stumbo.

Thompson said most of the \$28,815 came from his own pocket. He said he had been able to pay away \$23,800 on his own in recent years, but that "most but not all" of the remaining \$5,015 was raised at the party.

Thompson said he sees the gifts as nothing more than a way to pay off the debt earlier than he would have otherwise been able.

"The debt's paid off," Thompson said Tuesday. "It would have taken me another year to save it up. I actually think they had planned [to hold a fundraiser] last summer, from what I understand. But with my father ill, it never took place. It was a surprise to me. It was nice of them."

Others are more critical of both the debt and the fundraiser held to pay it off.

Floyd County Republican Chairman Bobby Stumbo said Tuesday that he believes the debt should have been repaid before Thompson was allowed to run for office again. And he said the fundraiser held political overtones.

"That's politics as usual," Bobby Stumbo said. "For us to have to put up with stuff like that, that's the way it is in Floyd

County."

However, the Republican Party chairman said he would reserve judgment about whether the fundraiser posed any ethical problems for Thompson. But he said he would like for the matter to be investigated fully before putting it to rest.

Thompson, however, brushed away suggestions of unethical appearances.

"I'm not a very easily influenced person..." Thompson said. "Quite frankly, those people [at the party] are civic leaders who are interested in the well being of Floyd County."

The judge also said he would continue working at his job regardless of any criticism he receives.

"This is not going to distract me from working to clean up Floyd County, working to get people water, working to get economic development parks and a better quality of life," Thompson said. "I may have to suffer a few jokes, but I'm not going to let it slow me down."

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**Heists**

Although investigating officer Lt. Ricky Thornsberry of the Floyd County Sheriff's Office declined to comment on the details of the robbery at Cardinal Mart, which occurred at approximately 2:30 a.m. Sunday, he did say that an

armed, white male entered the store and ordered the female clerk to empty the cash register.

After getting an undisclosed amount of cash, the perpetrator fled the premises on foot, presumably to a car that was parked nearby.

Meade's BP Gas Station was robbed about three hours later, at approximately 5:30 a.m. A 6-foot, white male weighing around 160 pounds and wearing a baseball cap, a bandana over his face and cam-

ouflaged pants, entered the store armed with a handgun and demanded the clerk, Ronnie Howard, to give him the money in the register.

"I don't want no hassle," the robber said. "Just give me the money."

Howard complied and the unknown suspect fled on foot with about \$650 in cash.

Todd Meade, owner of Meade's BP, said he that he assumed the perpetrator was parked on Route 3, just above the store. Investigating officers were able to obtain a footprint in the sand near the road.

Meade said he also gave the Kentucky State Police a videotape of the perpetrator standing in the back of the store just before the robbery took place, but would not disclose whether or not the videotape offered clear identification of the suspect.

When asked if he thought the robbery had any connection with the previous robbery at Cardinal Mart and the robbery at the BP in Paintsville, which occurred one hour later, Meade stated that it seemed "awfully familiar," and that "evidently, there was some type of connection."

The investigation is still underway by Detective Billy Meade of Kentucky State Police.

At approximately 6:30 a.m., a young white male with black hair entered the BP in Paintsville, brandishing a handgun and demanding cash. The

suspect fled the scene with an undisclosed amount of money.

Because the perpetrator parked in the neighboring Shoney's parking lot, investigating officers were able to get a description of the vehicle from the video cameras placed in front of the store. The vehicle's description, however, was not disclosed.

The Paintsville Police Department heads the investigation.

Thornsberry said there have been several leads as to the suspects in Sunday's robberies, but he was unable to offer any information in light of the pending investigations.

In addition to the robberies that took place in Floyd and Johnson counties, there was a robbery at Hall's Midnight Market at Robinson Creek in Pike County.

At approximately 11:30 p.m. Saturday night, two white males, one armed, entered the store. Both perpetrators were white males, one about 5-foot-6, 140 pounds, wearing a black ski mask, brown shirt, vest and blue jeans, and the other wearing a white shirt, blue jeans and nylon hose over his face.

The male wearing the ski mask demanded cash from store owner Russell Hall and told him to unlock the gun cabinet located in the store.

During the robbery, Hall's

son, Michael Hall, gained access to a handgun and fired two rounds at the assailant. The suspect then returned fire, hitting Michael Hall in the right shoulder where the bullet passed through the neck area and lodged in the left shoulder.

Michael Hall was transported to Pikeville Methodist Hospital, where he remains in stable condition.

Authorities feel there is no connection between the Pike County robbery and the rob-

beries that took place on Sunday in Floyd and Johnson counties. The Hall's robbery is still under investigation by Detective Greg Roberts of Kentucky State Police.

Anyone with information regarding any or all of the robberies is urged to contact the Floyd County Sheriff's Office at (606) 886-6171, Paintsville Police Department at (606) 789-2603, or Kentucky State Police at (606) 433-7711 or 1-800-222-5555.

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**Golf Course**  
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 which is already in shape for play on half the 18 holes available, there is the master plan which includes two football fields, three baseball fields and four soccer fields. Those facilities will serve to utilize the entire land mass available, which is almost exclusively owned by the city.  
 Councilman Harry Adams also commented that adding a walking track may be helpful as a move to include more members of the city and the surrounding area.  
 "Yes, that sound's like a good idea," Councilman Hansel Cooley agreed Monday. "This would incorporate what we discussed earlier about having something for everyone from 0 to 100."  
 Cooley also made a segue back to Fred James' presentation earlier in the meeting. Cooley made clear his assumption that the project would boost tourism in the city of Prestonsburg.  
 In spite of the council's excitement and the apparent rate of progress, there are some concerns.  
 There have been concerns about the winding road leading to the mountaintop site. Drivers have expressed concerns that the road may be difficult to traverse in bad weather.  
 Those concerns will be addressed through another entrance at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park which is a much smaller grade and more easily accessible. Club members, residents and visitors alike will have this entrance as an option if concerned about road conditions.  
 Fannin pointed out to council members who showed concern for the costs this plan would include by assuring them a set amount had been allotted to the beginning work on the recreational area.  
 "We have a million dollars allotted toward this thing and as we take bids for the initial work, they'll be brought before the council for a final decision before work begins," Fannin said.  
 Council members Estill Carter and Billy Ray Collins were not in attendance at Monday evening's meeting.

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# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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Our View

## A compromise worth making

Thursday's decision by Combs Airport's governing board to open its property to businesses may be just the compromise needed to put to rest a long-time stalemate between supporters and detractors of the airstrip.

For quite some time, Combs Airport has been denounced as unnecessary by those who view the Big Sandy Regional Airport just a few miles away as a suitable replacement.

What's more, some have said the land Combs now occupies could be put to better use as an industrial park, especially considering that large expanses of flat land are a premium commodity in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky.

Those concerns might be valid to a point, but only to a point. The land Combs now occupies would be ideal for industry, if it were raised out of the floodplain. But the need for that land is far from evident.

Eastern Kentucky already has several industrial parks, and that number has grown significantly under our present governor, who has encouraged the development of former mountaintop removal mining sites. The problem is, for the most part, those industrial parks have thus far been better at growing grass than they have at growing jobs.

For just as long, however, those who use Combs have put up resistance to the idea that the airfield is no longer needed. Perhaps understandably so, they have taken a defensive posture against their critics.

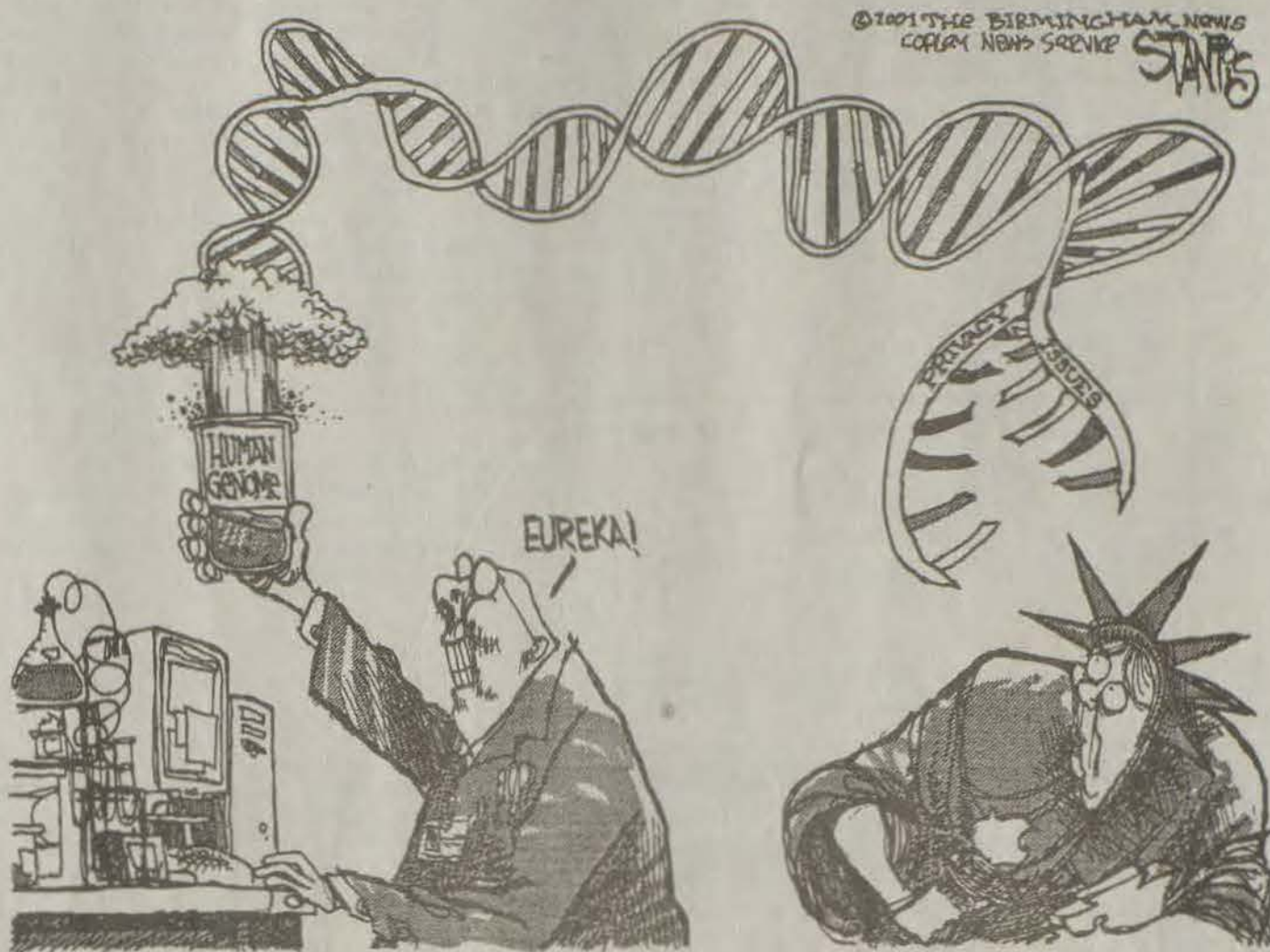
That attitude was in evidence Thursday night, as the board at first met with hesitancy a proposal from East Kentucky Metal to use land that company leased at the airport for business purposes.

In the end, however, the proposal simply made too much sense to ignore.

Combs will realize additional revenues from leasing a portion of the airport's land to industry. Business gains access to conveniently-located flat land, which may prove even more lucrative because it is located adjacent to a runway.

If ever there was a win-win scenario, this appears to be it.

We feel the airport board did the right thing by choosing to open itself to business. Not only does the action settle a longstanding conflict, it does so by enhancing development prospects in the Big Sandy Valley.



## Mary's Musings

### Mary the murderess

I think it's safe to say I never intended to do any harm. I was honestly just minding my own business, driving along without a care in the world.

It was about 6:15 on a Monday morning. The sun was just starting to peep above the hilltops, beginning her ritual of waking the day. The sky was bright and clear. There wasn't a cloud in sight.

"It's going to be a nice one," I remember thinking, as I came to the curve at the Corner Market in Prestonsburg. I had no idea, however, what I was about to get myself into.

They were eager little boogers, perched nicely up ahead, wearing their tailored gray suits. They had probably been there most of the morning waiting on an unsuspecting driver such as myself. It looked like some type of pigeon convention in the middle of the road. The birds had probably gathered there on many mornings, playing Russian Roulette with the cars that passed. To this day, I think they were conspiring against me.

Now, don't get me wrong, I love animals. I think birds, including pigeons, are beautiful and should be appreciated by all of us. But these weren't normal birds.

They were evil, nasty little creatures.

I managed to dodge at least three of them, but I wasn't surprised when I heard the thud against my windshield. It was a hard hit, so I knew the chance of survival was nonexistent. As I looked back, I saw feathers blowing in the wind. The bird tumbled angrily across the pavement.

I was distraught. Every beat of my frantic heart called out to that tiny bird.

I'm the type of person who swerves to miss a turtle crossing the road, so you can imagine how seriously I take situations like this.

It took me several minutes to regain my composure. By this time, I had driven a mile or so further down the road. I decided that it was an unavoidable accident.

There was no way I could have prevented the death of Mr. Pigeon. I was an innocent bystander, and it was just his time to go.

Then, out of nowhere, there they were, right in front of me. Those evil little pigeons had come to avenge their brother.

"Not again!" I screamed, as I swerved to dodge them, thinking this could only be a nightmare. There's no way this could happen twice in one day.

But it happened. I told you these birds were evil. They must have followed me, planning their attack along the way. One of the pigeons was significantly larger than any pigeon I had ever seen. He must have been the leader of the pack. There he

sat with his bitty little eyes staring at me. I knew I was in trouble.

By this time, the birds were flying back and forth across the road in front of me. They were taunting me, trying to confuse me so that I would lose control of my vehicle and hit the ditch, or even worse, the oncoming traffic in the other lane.

Then, the big pigeon flew into my path. It looked like he was performing some type of suicidal dance. He circled above, then darted toward the ground to skim the pavement. Even though he continued this way for only a matter of seconds, it seemed like an eternity. Each time he swooped down, I'd bite my lip and brace myself for the collision. This pigeon was either insane, or terribly stupid.

Unfortunately, revenge didn't go as they had planned. I was picking the feathers, along with whatever else was left of the big pigeon, out of my grill for the next couple of days.

I don't know if the pigeons still hang out on that particular stretch of road in town, but I can tell you one thing: I wasn't nearly as remorseful when I murdered the second pigeon. He was probably suffering from some type of psychological disorder. Pigeon Schizophrenia, or something.

I have learned quite a bit from this experience. Never trust a group of pigeons conversing in the middle of the road. You'll end up like me. My car remained covered in bird poop for the next three weeks.

Coincidence? I think not.



MARYMUSIC

## Letters

### Disappointed with local police

This letter is being sent to assure the citizens of Floyd County that we are being served and protected by one of the finest law enforcement departments in the country. Of course, I didn't say what country. They certainly do not stand up to what a law enforcement official is supposed to be in this country. Our law officials are supposed to uphold the law for all law-abiding citizens, though more often than not it seems that they protect the very ones who break the law. Perhaps I should explain why I feel this way.

I have lived in an apartment above my family's store for seven months. In that time, the store has been robbed and a pop machine has been stolen. But the fun does not stop there. I have the nightly joy of listening to a crowd of people gather downstairs after store hours to blast their music, yell loudly, smoke pot and do God only knows what else. Isn't there a law against disturbing the peace? This brings me to our wonderful county and state police.

On August 13, the store was broken into in the middle of the night. I woke up when the window was broken and called the police at approximately 6 a.m. A member of the state police arrived around 9 a.m. During those three hours, couldn't the robbers have come back and done more

damage or even potentially hurt my husband or myself? Seven months later, we still do not know who broke into the store.

Exactly six months later, someone stole one of the pop machines downstairs. A pop machine is fairly heavy and would take some time and quite a few people to move. If the area had been patrolled, would these people have not been caught? Also, if a store had been robbed only six months earlier, wouldn't it make sense to keep an eye on that place?

That brings us to this past weekend. On Saturday, February 23, I came home around 8 p.m. to find a crowd gathered downstairs around the store. I went on to my apartment and waited for the crowd to leave. The music

grew louder and so did the yells. I called my dad and asked him to come down. He came and asked the people to leave and they did. Three or four hours later, a car pulled into the parking lot and parked within a foot of my car. They turned off their engine and lights and sat beside my car for about 10 minutes until they realized I was at the window, after which they flew out of the parking lot.

Shortly after that, my husband came home and called the sheriff's office to see if they could have someone patrol the area. We were told that all the deputies were currently patrolling the bars and they only had people out patrolling until 4 a.m. Does Floyd County have so many

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# Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

**Editor's note:** As a service to the many clubs and committees that meet in our community, The Floyd County Times' Community Calendar will post meeting and public service announcements. Articles for the Community Calendar must be submitted in writing to The Times no later than 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication, 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication, or 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's publication. These cannot be taken over the telephone.

## AARP Tax-aide offered until April 11

Volunteers from Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, will continue their tax-aide program of assisting elderly and low-income taxpayers with their income tax forms each Wednesday, from 8:30-3 until April 11, at the Prestonsburg library.

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## "Songwriters workshop" planned at the MAC

A one day seminar, hosted by Richard Sexton, has been scheduled for the Mountain Arts Center for Saturday, March 10, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Seminar will include: Finding A Publisher, Copyright Information, Copyrighting and Packaging Your

Materials and Songwriting tips.

Speakers will be Bernie Faulkner of Digital Records, Tim Curtis of Hori-Pro Publishing in Nashville and Bill Hall of Par 3 Publishing. The Seminar is sponsored by AD&D Sounds. Lunch will be provided. Registration forms are available at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg.

## Free concert

A free concert will be presented at the Mountain Arts Center on Monday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. Allen Central High School's ROTC will present the colors just prior to showtime. The internationally famous U.S. Army Field Band of Washington, D.C., is the

(See CALENDAR, page six)

# KCTCS regents approve 27 programs for students

The Board of Regents of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) on Friday approved 27 academic and technical programs that will expand educational opportunities available to students across the Commonwealth.

The new programs bring to more than 275 the number that the Board of Regents has approved in the last three years.

The regents also appointed the first two presidents of technical colleges in Kentucky, and commended KCTCS President Michael B. McCall for his "outstanding" performance during the year 2000.

The KCTCS Board of Regents conducted its regular meeting at Laurel Technical College in London. On Friday, the regents approved:

- An associate-in applied science (AAS) degree in Apprenticeship Technology for Jefferson Technical College.

- An AAS in Information Technology for Madisonville Community College.

- Six certificate programs for Bowling Green Technical College - Oracle Database; Oracle Web Database; Information Systems Support; Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Operator/Programmer; CNC Technician; and

- Two certificate programs for Hopkinsville Community College - Information Technology and Cisco Basic Networking.

- A certificate program in Industrial Chemical Technology for Jefferson Community College.

- Two certificate programs for Jefferson Technical College - Airframe Maintenance Technician; and Powerplant Maintenance Certificate.

- A certificate program in Cisco Basic Networking for Laurel Technical College.

- A certificate program in Massage Therapy for Northern Kentucky Technical College.

- A certificate program in Paramedic for Paducah Community College.

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- A certificate program in Diesel Mechanics Assistant for Cumberland Valley Technical College.

- Three certificate programs for Elizabethtown Community College - Quality Specialist I and II; and Team Leader.

- A certificate program in Information Systems Support for Hazard Community College.

- Six certificate programs for Henderson Community College - Medical Office Administrative Assistant; Oracle Database; Oracle Web Database; E-Commerce; Network MS2K; Information Systems Support.

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"The pace at which our colleges are proposing and the Board of Regents is approving new programs is truly exciting," President McCall said. "By offering programs that are relevant to the job market, KCTCS colleges are changing the lives of students."

Approved the appointments of Dr. Jack Thomas of Bowling Green Technical College and Ron Baugh of Central Kentucky Technical College as the first presidents of technical colleges in Kentucky. All other technical colleges are managed by directors, Thomas and Baugh also will serve as the chief executive officers of their KCTCS districts.

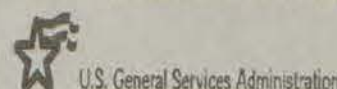
Completed the annual performance evaluation of Dr. McCall. Regent Richard Bean of Louisville said the president's performance was reviewed not only by regents but also by KCTCS employees and external constituents.

Dr. McCall had a fantastic year. The results that came back in the evaluation reports were outstanding," Mr. Bean said.

Heard a report on KCTCS Key Indicators, or the benchmarks by which the System will measure its progress in the future. Highlights of the report included a 13.5 percent increase in enrollment from fall 1999 to fall 2000.

"We are expecting continued excellence," said Regent Lorna Littrell of Henderson. "We know we are going to see that."

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## Grants are available to help pay energy bills

Consumer Guidance has established a grant fund to help people who are having financial problems because of high energy costs. This grant program is funded by private donations from corporations and private citizens who receive a tax exemption because of the organization's 501(c)3 non-profit status granted by the Internal Revenue Service.

"Many people who are struggling with energy bills do not know that financial assistance is available from non-profit organizations and from the government," says Allen Nichols, executive director of Consumer Guidance. "We have established the Energy Help Grant Program and also publish a number of booklets to help consumers who are struggling with rising energy costs."

Consumers can receive a free grant application and more information about other finan-

cial help by calling 202-595-1035 or by visiting Consumer Guidance's Internet web site: [www.ConsumerGuidance.org](http://www.ConsumerGuidance.org)

Corporations or individuals who wish to contribute to Consumer Guidance's Energy Help Grant Program can send tax deductible contributions to: Consumer Guidance, P.O. Box 96051, Washington, D.C. 20090-6051.

Consumer Guidance Corporation is an organization established by volunteers dedicated to assisting individuals of all ages who need financial assistance to help pay for consumer debts, energy bills, prescription drugs and medical care. The primary purpose of Consumer Guidance Corporation is to educate and assist consumers with all consumer debt issue.

## Cold Weather, Higher Fuel Prices Cause Electric Bill Charges

Due to the record cold winter and skyrocketing natural gas prices, members of Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative will see additional charges on their bills in the upcoming months.

The exact amount of the charge for each bill will vary, depending upon usage, said David Estep, Manager of Finance and Administration. The average amount of the charge will be \$7.82 for every 1,000 kWh used for January usage which will appear on your March bill.

"The main reason for these charges is that the cost of fuel to produce electricity increased substantially, and because of the brutal cold winter," said David Estep.

David Estep stressed that none of the charges make a profit for the co-op. "The fuel adjustment is simply a pass-through of the fuel costs we incur during this high peak time, and if fuel costs less, the customers' bill will reflect a credit."

David Estep said that the cooperative has programs to help members improve the energy efficiency of their homes. Just contact Big Sandy RECC at (606) 789-4095 for more information.

"Big Sandy RECC was formed with the mission of providing it's members with reliable electricity at the lowest possible price," David Estep said. "We will continue our efforts to hold down the costs and provide top-notch service." Big Sandy RECC serves over 11,000 consumers in Johnson, Floyd, Martin, Lawrence, Magoffin, Morgan, Breathitt and Knott counties.

If anyone should have any questions or comments, contact Big Sandy RECC.

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# Big Sandy RECC

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**Calendar**

official touring musical representative of the U.S. Army. The Band is conducted by Colonel Finley R. Hamilton who is originally from Richmond. The concert is free to the public, but you must obtain a ticket. Tickets are available at the ticket office in the Mountain Arts Center.

**Diabetes Education and Support Group meeting**

The Diabetes Education and

Support Group meeting will be held Wednesday, February 28, at 2 p.m., at the McDowell ARH Hospital Library.

A variety of diabetes-related topics will be discussed, including foot care, diet, exercise and medication management.

The meeting is free and open to all interested people.

For more information, contact the hospital's Dietetic Services at 377-3425.

**Farmers Market annual sign-up**

The Floyd County Farmers Market will be holding the Annual Spring Membership Sign-Up and Planning Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 5th, at the Floyd County Extension Office (directly across from the Toyota dealership in Prestonsburg). This will be an open meeting to provide information to those Floyd county residents who are inter-

ested in becoming a member of the Floyd County Farmer's Market. Don't miss a chance to learn about this money making opportunity. Our area has a long history of producing high quality fruits and vegetables. All you need is a way to market what you have left over. One of the items that we will be discussing at this years Spring meeting will be ways to expand the Floyd County Farmer's Market to reach new customers in Floyd County and the sur-

rounding areas. Even if you are not interested in selling fruits and vegetables, come out to talk with other local gardeners who share your similar interest. For more information contact Ray Tackett at the Floyd County Extension Office, (886-2668).

**Lexington Campus sponsors scholarship day**

The Lexington Campus of

Sullivan University is sponsoring Scholarship Day on Thursday, March 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Betsy Layne High School. This event offers interested seniors the opportunity to earn a \$500 scholarship by taking a one-hour general aptitude test. The two top scorers on the test will receive the scholarship to continue their education in their chosen career field at Sullivan University. Any interested students can register in the school's guidance office.

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- 7/16" OSB .....\$6.99
- 1x12 #4 Sheathing .....Per Foot 47¢

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- 6 x 15" .....\$14.99
- 6 x 23" .....\$22.99
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- 40-Gallon Electric Water Heater .....\$129.00
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- 500-Gallon Septic Tank .....\$139.00
- 750-Gallon Septic Tank .....\$199.00
- 1000-Gallon Septic Tank .....\$259.00
- 1/2-HP Deep Well Pump .....\$159.50
- 3/4-HP Deep Well Pump .....\$179.50
- 1/2-HP Submersible Pump .....\$179.50
- 3/4-HP Submersible Pump .....\$249.50
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- Fiberglass Shower Unit.....\$199.00
- Fiberglass Tub & Shower Unit.....\$199.00

**Self-Stick Floor Tile**

45 Foot Carton **\$19.88**

**LADDERS**

- 6' Aluminum Step Ladder .....\$33.50
- 6' Fiberglass Step Ladder.....\$55.50
- 16' Alum. Extension Ladder .....\$49.50
- 20' Alum. Extension Ladder .....\$79.50
- 24' Alum. Extension Ladder .....\$99.50

**ELECTRICAL**

- 12-2 Wire with Ground .....\$22.99
- 200 Amp Trailer Hookup Kit .....\$259.00
- 2"x3" Plastic Wall Box .....25¢
- 2"x3" Metal Wall Box.....69¢
- 100-Amp 20-Circuit Breaker Box .....\$49.00
- 200-Amp 30-Circuit Breaker Box .....\$99.00
- 200-Amp 40-Circuit Breaker Box .....\$109.00
- 200-Amp Trailer Disconnect .....\$89.99
- 175 Watt Pole Light .....\$19.99

**ROOFING**

- Fiberglass Shingles.....per sq. \$21.77
- 90-Lb. Roll Roofing.....\$11.99
- 15-Lb. Felt.....\$7.99
- 30-Lb. Felt.....\$8.99
- 8' 5-V Tin.....\$4.99
- 10' 5-V Tin.....\$6.49
- 12' 5-V Tin.....\$7.49
- 14' 5-V Tin.....\$8.99
- 5-Gal. Aluminum Roof Coating .....\$19.99

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- White D-5 Dutchlap.....Per Sq. \$39.99
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Heading into the new millenium, *The Floyd County Times* wants to encourage and acknowledge excellence in the Floyd County Area. *The Floyd County Times* is conducting its annual ballot of readers so they can let us know whom they consider to be BEST IN THE COUNTY. Winners receive a certificate suitable for framing and will be featured in a SPECIAL SECTION in March entitled. . .



# Reader's Choice

## BEST IN FLOYD COUNTY

- Area Attraction \_\_\_\_\_
- Church \_\_\_\_\_
- Civic Club/Organization \_\_\_\_\_
- College \_\_\_\_\_
- Community Festival Event \_\_\_\_\_
- Dining Atmosphere \_\_\_\_\_
- Elderly Care Facility \_\_\_\_\_
- Elementary School \_\_\_\_\_
- Entertainment \_\_\_\_\_
- High School \_\_\_\_\_
- Hospital/Medical Facility \_\_\_\_\_
- Local Band \_\_\_\_\_
- Middle School \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to camp out \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to have a business lunch \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to lose weight \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to meet friends \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to spend Saturday night \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to take out of town guests \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to work \_\_\_\_\_

## BEST FOOD

- Barbecue \_\_\_\_\_
- Biscuits \_\_\_\_\_
- Brand of Soft Drink \_\_\_\_\_
- Burgers \_\_\_\_\_
- Catering \_\_\_\_\_
- Chicken \_\_\_\_\_
- Chili \_\_\_\_\_
- Chinese Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Decorated Cakes \_\_\_\_\_
- Desserts \_\_\_\_\_
- Donuts \_\_\_\_\_
- Fish and Seafood \_\_\_\_\_
- French Fries \_\_\_\_\_
- Fresh Meat for Grilling \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Cookin' \_\_\_\_\_
- Hot Dogs \_\_\_\_\_
- Ice Cream \_\_\_\_\_
- Kid's Meal \_\_\_\_\_
- Mexican Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Onion Rings \_\_\_\_\_
- Pizza \_\_\_\_\_
- Roast Beef Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_
- Salad Bar \_\_\_\_\_
- Sandwiches \_\_\_\_\_
- Shakes/Malts \_\_\_\_\_
- Steaks \_\_\_\_\_

## BEST PEOPLE

- Accountant \_\_\_\_\_
- Attorney \_\_\_\_\_
- Bank Teller \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_

- Barber \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Boss \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Building Contractor \_\_\_\_\_
- Bus Driver \_\_\_\_\_
- Car Salesperson \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Chiropractor \_\_\_\_\_
- City Employee \_\_\_\_\_
- Club President \_\_\_\_\_
- Coach \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Dental Hygienist \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Dentist \_\_\_\_\_
- Electrician \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- EMT/Paramedic \_\_\_\_\_
- Firefighter \_\_\_\_\_
- Funeral Home Attendant \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Furniture Sales Person \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- General Physician \_\_\_\_\_
- Hairstylist \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Heating/Air Service Person \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Insurance Agent \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Jeweler \_\_\_\_\_
- Law Enforcement Officer \_\_\_\_\_
- Loan Officer \_\_\_\_\_
- Mechanic \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Nurse \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Optometrist \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Painter \_\_\_\_\_
- Paper Carrier \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Pastor/Priest \_\_\_\_\_
- Pastor of \_\_\_\_\_
- Pharmacist \_\_\_\_\_
- Photographer \_\_\_\_\_
- Physical Therapist \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Plumber \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Politician \_\_\_\_\_
- Principal \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Radio Announcer \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Real Estate Agent \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- School Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

- Teaches at \_\_\_\_\_
- Secretary \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Store Cashier \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Sunday School Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- Teaches at \_\_\_\_\_
- Surgeon \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Waitress/Waiter \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_

- Concrete \_\_\_\_\_
- Construction/Remodeling \_\_\_\_\_
- Convenience Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Crafts \_\_\_\_\_
- Daycare Center \_\_\_\_\_
- Deli \_\_\_\_\_
- Dry Cleaners \_\_\_\_\_
- Electrical Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Electronics \_\_\_\_\_
- Eyewear \_\_\_\_\_
- Exterminating \_\_\_\_\_
- Farm/Agriculture \_\_\_\_\_
- Financial Institutions \_\_\_\_\_
- Financing \_\_\_\_\_
- Floor Coverings \_\_\_\_\_
- Florist \_\_\_\_\_
- Funeral Home \_\_\_\_\_
- Furniture \_\_\_\_\_
- Garage \_\_\_\_\_
- Gas Station \_\_\_\_\_
- Gifts \_\_\_\_\_
- Grocery Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Guns/Ammo \_\_\_\_\_
- Hearing Aids \_\_\_\_\_
- Heating/Air Conditioning \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Decorating \_\_\_\_\_
- Insurance Agency \_\_\_\_\_
- Janitorial Services \_\_\_\_\_
- Jewelry \_\_\_\_\_
- Landscaping \_\_\_\_\_
- Laundromat \_\_\_\_\_
- Manufacturing \_\_\_\_\_
- Mine Supply \_\_\_\_\_
- Mining Company \_\_\_\_\_
- Mobile Homes \_\_\_\_\_
- Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_
- Motorcycles/ATV \_\_\_\_\_
- Music Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_
- Office Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Oil Changes \_\_\_\_\_
- Pawn Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Pharmacy \_\_\_\_\_
- Plumbing \_\_\_\_\_
- Real Estate Agency \_\_\_\_\_
- Rental Items \_\_\_\_\_
- Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
- Retail Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Security \_\_\_\_\_
- Sewing/Alterations \_\_\_\_\_
- Tanning Salon \_\_\_\_\_
- Tire Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Tools & Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Truck Dealership \_\_\_\_\_
- Upholstery \_\_\_\_\_
- Videos \_\_\_\_\_

## BEST PLACE TO PURCHASE

- Athletic Shoes \_\_\_\_\_
- Auto-Body Repairs \_\_\_\_\_
- Bath Towels \_\_\_\_\_
- Bed Linens \_\_\_\_\_
- Cabinets \_\_\_\_\_
- Carpet \_\_\_\_\_
- Dairy Items \_\_\_\_\_
- Dress Shoes \_\_\_\_\_
- Film Developing \_\_\_\_\_
- Frozen Foods \_\_\_\_\_
- Health & Beauty Aids \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Health Care Needs \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Mortgage Loan \_\_\_\_\_
- Kids Clothing \_\_\_\_\_
- Men's Clothing \_\_\_\_\_
- Perm \_\_\_\_\_
- Pet Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Produce \_\_\_\_\_
- School Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Seafood items \_\_\_\_\_
- Shoe Repairs \_\_\_\_\_
- Snack Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Stereo \_\_\_\_\_
- TV-VCR Repair \_\_\_\_\_
- Used Automobiles \_\_\_\_\_
- Vinyl \_\_\_\_\_
- Women's Clothing \_\_\_\_\_

## BEST BUSINESS

- Antiques/Collectibles \_\_\_\_\_
- Appliances \_\_\_\_\_
- Artwork/Framing \_\_\_\_\_
- Athletic Supply \_\_\_\_\_
- Auto Parts \_\_\_\_\_
- Bait/Tackle \_\_\_\_\_
- Beauty Salon \_\_\_\_\_
- Bookkeeping/Tax \_\_\_\_\_
- Building Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Car Dealership \_\_\_\_\_
- Car Wash \_\_\_\_\_
- Commercial Printer \_\_\_\_\_

## YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

Schools, Churches, Clubs...anyone...do all you can do, see that your favorite people and places win! It's part of the fun! Remember, vote as many times as you wish using an original ballot. No copies of this ballot will be accepted.

Winners to be in the Friday, March 30th edition of the Floyd County Times

### Ballot Rules

1. Only ballots from The Floyd County Times will be counted. No copies accepted.
2. Businesses nominated have to be in the Floyd County area and individuals nominated have to live and work in Floyd County.
3. Entries may be mailed to The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 391, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (Please allow 7 days for mail delivery) or drop entries off at our office at 263 South Central Avenue.
4. All entries must be at The Floyd County Times by 4 p.m., March 14, 2001 (mailed or delivered)
5. Limit of 5 copies per person available for sale at front desk, up to normal press run copies. No extra forms will be printed.

# Obituaries

**FLOYD COUNTY CATHOLICS**  
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 Phone 874-9526

**Daniel R. Hamilton**

Daniel R. Hamilton, 46, of Lexington, formerly of Hi Hat, died Monday, February 26, 2001, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin, following an extended illness.

Born on September 29, 1954, in Ypsilanti, Michigan, he was the son of Alberta Mitchell Hamilton of Hi Hat, and the late Hershel Hamilton. He was a lab technician and a member of the Southland Christian Church in Lexington.

He is survived by his wife, Trudy May Hamilton.

Other survivors include one daughter, Whitney Rae Hamilton of Lexington; one brother, Eddie Hamilton of Hi Hat; two sisters, Janet Vance and Brenda Howell, both of Hi Hat.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, March 1, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with the minister of Southland Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Hamilton Family Cemetery, at Hi Hat.

**Chester D. Bailey**

Chester D. Bailey, 68, of Pikeville, died Sunday, February 25, at his residence.

Born on October 5, 1932, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Maggie Conley Bailey and Lacy Bailey. He was an educator and member of the First Baptist Church, Pikeville, and was a veteran of the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia West Bailey.

Other survivors include two sons, Robert A. Bailey of Lexington, Chester D. Bailey II of Pikeville; two daughters, Glenda B. Adkins and Sherry L. Lane, both of Pikeville; two brothers, Frank A. Bailey of Pikeville, Robert L. Bailey of Fairborn, Ohio; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, February 28, at 1 p.m., at the Alumni Auditorium on the campus of Pikeville High School.

Burial will be in the Annie E. Young Cemetery, at Shelbyana, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

**Clifford Hamilton**

Clifford Hamilton, 66, of Teaberry, died Friday, February 23, 2001, at his residence.

He was born January 19, 1935, at Teaberry, the son of the late John W. and Mindy Newsome Hamilton. He was a retired coal miner and member of the Wheelwright Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Sadie Newsome Hamilton.

Other survivors include two sons, Donahue Hamilton and Clifford Hamilton Jr., both of Teaberry; one daughter, Margie Roberts of Teaberry; one brother, Kenis Hamilton of Mims, Florida; one sister, Sarah Hamilton of Teaberry, four grandchildren, and one step-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 26, at the Samaria Regular Baptist Church, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Hamilton Family Cemetery, at Teaberry, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Pallbearers were Jeff Hamilton, Billy Joe Hamilton, A. J. Hamilton, Brian Roberts, Casey Rowe, Ralph Akers, Lundy Mullins and Bobby Hamilton Jr.

Honorary pallbearers were Randy Mullins, Doug Martin, Stacy Hall, Gary Hamilton and Steve Hamilton.

**Jerry Anthony Rowe**

Jerry Anthony Rowe, 43, of Langley, died Friday, February 23, 2001, at his residence.

Born on August 14, 1957, in McDowell, he was the son of Joyce Ann Williams Rowe of Langley, and the late Virgil Rowe. He was a disabled butcher.

He is survived by his wife Kimberly Belcher Rowe.

Other survivors include one son, Darrin Spencer of Indiana; two step-sons, Jody Spriggs and Justin Spriggs both of Drift; one step-daughter, Kelli Jo Spriggs of Drift; and one brother, Terry Rowe of Lexington.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 27, at noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Ted Shannon and Rodney Scott officiating.

Burial was in the Stewart Cemetery, at Langley.

**Ellis Gerald Spurlock**

Ellis Gerald Spurlock, 51, of Printer, died Sunday, February 25, 2001, in Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

He was born July 7, 1949, in Martin, the son of Hobert Spurlock of Printer, and the late Goldie McKinney Spurlock. He was a member and elder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, at Martin, and also an employee of the Floyd County School System.

He is survived by his wife, Stella Bentley Spurlock.

Other survivors include one son Kevin G. Spurlock of Langley; two daughters, Lorabeth Danielle Spurlock and Amanda Jolene Spurlock, both of Lexington; five brothers, Dale McKinney of Prestonsburg, Ricky D. Spurlock of Ivel, Dana Terry Spurlock of Printer, Lamarr Spurlock of Hendersonville, Tennessee, Barry Spurlock of Allen; two sisters, Cheryl Lynn Kinslow of Printer and Katie Doris Isom of Harrodsburg; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 27, at 1 p.m., at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Martin, with the elder, Ken Carriere, officiating.

Entombment followed in the Lakeview Cemetery, Staffordsville, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Pallbearers were Hobert Spurlock, Dale McKinney, Dana Spurlock, Ricky Spurlock, Lamarr Spurlock and Barry Spurlock.

Honorary pallbearers were his nephews.

**Grace Williams Meade**

Grace Williams Meade, 94, of Pikeville, died Monday, February 26, 2001, at the residence of her daughter at Hi Hat, following an extended illness.

Born on November 26, 1906, in Blackberry, she was the daughter of the late John and Louisa Hembree Younce. She was a retired cook at Mullins school, and was a member of the Little Nancy Old Regular Baptist Church at Hi Hat.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Raney Williams and later by her second husband, Steve Meade.

Survivors include two sons, Donald T. Williams of Pikeville, Lowell Williams of Flat Rock, Michigan; six daughters, Treva W. Wallace of Southgate, Michigan, Joetta Sorenson of Kosskia, Idaho, Uthana Williams Hunt of Taylor, Michigan, Juanita Williams Compton of Price, Kathleen Meade Turner and Madeleine Meade Miller, both of Pikeville; one sister, Carrie Slone of Elkhorn City; 47 grandchildren, 55 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, March 1, at 11 a.m., at the Little Nancy Old Regular Baptist Church at Hi Hat, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church after 4 p.m. today (Wednesday).

**James Edgle Slone**

James Edgle Slone, 48, died Friday, February 23, 2001, in the Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington.

He was born January 15, 1953, in Prestonsburg, the son of Draxie Mae Hall Slone of Ligon, and the late Arthur Slone. He was owner and operator of J. & S. Battery Service, at Hippo.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Green Slone.

Other survivors include one son, Jason Ross Slone of Hippo; two brothers, Delbert Slone of Huntington, Indiana, Jimmy Clayton Slone of Ligon; two sisters, Darlene Vance of Neon, and Geraldine Thomsberry of Andrews, Indiana.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 26, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Coy Combs and other Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Hicks Cemetery at Hippo.

Pallbearers were Shane King, Dewey Collins, Ronnie Conley, Terry Williams, Chris Wireman, Rick Prater, Carl Cooley, Nick Green, Roger Prater and Chad Niese.

Honorary pallbearers were Ronnie Stewart, Fred Mullins and Greg Mullins.

**Lillis Hughes Conn**

Lillis Hughes Conn, 88, of Harold, died Sunday, February 25, 2001, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Born on July 18, 1912, in Knott County, she was the daughter of the late Ida Slone Williams and Will Williams. She was the former operator of Kelly Shoe Store, and a member of the Regular Baptist Church.

She was thrice married; first to Kelly Adams, later to Charles Hughes, and then to Mollie Conn. Each preceded her in death.

Survivors include one son, Gordon Adams of Marietta, Mississippi; one daughter, Laureda Gail Justice of Harold; one brother, Roy Williams of Jackson, Ohio; one sister, Dixie Williams Harlow of Mayking; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 27, at 1 p.m., at the J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Johnson Memorial Park.

Active pallbearers were Gary Hamilton, B.J. Elswick, Danny Adkins, David Rowe, Mark Meade, Charles Owens and Elster Justice.

Honorary pallbearers were Mason Kelly Meade, Caleb Meade, Morris Justice, Foster Thacker, Ron Tackett, Johnny Dean Adkins, Sonny Charles and Frank Justice.

**William E. (Willie) Spence**

William E. (Willie) Spence, 79, of Tomahawk, died Friday, February 23, 2001, at the Williamson Memorial Hospital.

Born on January 28, 1922, in Mingo County, West Virginia, he was the son of the late Hugh Spence and Lona Ferrell Spence. He was a retired postal worker, a veteran of the Air Force and was a member of American Legion Post 45.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma Howell Spence.

Survivors include one daughter, Anita Louise Brown of Palatka, Florida; four brothers, Hubert Spence of Wellersburg, Ohio, Don Spence of Warrencliff, West Virginia, Daleno Spence of Delaware, Ohio, Doug Spence of Ohio; four sisters, June Benidict, Lorane Spence, Tina Faye Spence and Regina Spence; three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 27, at the Phelps & Son Funeral Home, Inez, with Willie Goble and Danny Hall.

Burial was in the Spence Cemetery, Bent Branch, Rockhouse.

**Hall pallbearers**

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Donna Gaye Hall were Scottie Triplett, Randall Mullins, Robert Griffith, Jason Hall, Paul Jameson, Dennis Trogden and Brandon Caudill.

**Patton pallbearers listed**

Active pallbearers for the funeral of Darwin Patton were Brian George, Christopher Colston, Roger Akers, Bob Hall, Robbie Hall, Ty Christopher Martin, Tyrone Martin and Ben Trimble.

**Card Of Thanks**

The family of Della Conley Moore would like to send out their sincere appreciation to all those friends, neighbors and loved ones who took part in showing concern and compassion in this tragic loss we have experienced. The family deeply appreciates those who sent flowers, food, and those who just graced us with their presence. A special thanks to Bethel Bolen for a comforting service, the sheriff's department for conducting the traffic, and to the Hall Funeral Home for their caring and graceful service.

**THE FAMILY OF DELLA CONLEY MOORE**

**Card Of Thanks**

The family of Margie Sue Scott Osborne would like to extend their deepest thanks to all who sent flowers, prepared food, sang, or offered words of sympathy during their time of great sorrow.

Our thanks to the Martin Branch Church for their prayers, to Kenny's Florist for the beautiful display of flowers that were so elegantly arranged, to the Floyd County Sheriff's office, and to the Hall Funeral Home, who always provides comfort, elegance, and dignity for our loved ones. They would also like to extend their thanks to Larry Adams, Danny Bragg, and Myra Lawson for their beautiful songs.

Again, thank you.

**Card Of Thanks**

The family of Sandy Tackett wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Little Rachel Regular Baptist Church, Sheriff John K. Blackburn, Gary Tackett and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for all their assistance, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

**THE FAMILY OF SANDY TACKETT**

**Card Of Thanks**

The family of Harry Gordon McCarty would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. A special thanks to Clergyman Lewis Porter for his comforting words, the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

**THE FAMILY OF HARRY GORDON McCARTY**

**Card Of Thanks**

The family of Thelma R. Patton would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one: Those who sent food and flowers, or just spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church, the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

**THE FAMILY OF THELMA R. PATTON**



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Board

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ness at hand and agreed to postpone a discussion relating to the restructuring of Duff Elementary from a K-5 to a K-8 school.

A parent representative from Allen Central High School was next to approach the board in regard to a "rumor" that the school's football program had been slated for discontinuance.

Supt. Paul Fanning informed the representative that, "Football has not been recommended for termination at Allen Central."

Rev. Chuck Hall then addressed the board with continued concerns related to the slated restructuring of Duff Elementary in regard to the fate of Allen Central Middle School.

In response, Supt. Fanning

said, "Allen Central Middle School remains in existence. The only question we are dealing with is leadership. Let us get through the allocation process, and get back to you."

Stumbo Elementary Principal Roy Johnson then addressed the board with concerns over classroom space at his school. Johnson informed the board that he is two classrooms and one resource room short of what he should have in order to meet the needs of the school. An issue of locker rooms for the gymnasium was also proposed.

Johnson brought with him a color-coded floor plan for the board's

inspection, which Ross asked him to leave with the board to be

used as a reference in future discussions of the matter.

As the board reached the point on the agenda where board members may comment on issues and matters of concern to them, board member Carol Stumbo commented that she felt that "working relations among the board need to be improved," and that she had invited two former board members to appear to offer comments in regard to their experiences serving on the board.

Stumbo said that she had given the women "no instruction" as to what to say.

Phyllis Honshell was first to offer comments to the board. Honshell served as board member four years ago, and noted in her opening comment that "the old seating chart" of women being placed at the "extreme" ends of the table with male members filling the middle and center seats was "still being used."

Honshell said that as she served, she was frustrated by the fact that difficulties frequently arose in regard to "sticking to the agenda," and also that she was unable to "make things happen as quickly" as she wanted.

She said that she felt that the board did not work together as a team, and that, generally, board members did not get to know their colleagues. She also said that even though her area of expertise was in the field of education, that no one would "listen" to her comments seriously.

Honshell said that school board members need to realize that they are not in competition.

Stumbo's second guest, Dolores Smith, said that her experience with the school board reflected to her that the board spent too much time dealing with "things not academic."

In general, Stumbo, Honshell and Smith all seemed to agree that they were not as effective as they could have been and were not treated with respect because of their gender.

In regard to comments allegedly made by Ross at an earlier date that he hoped the board member chosen to replace Terry Dotson, who recently resigned his seat, would be a woman, but "one who was not too assertive or one who would make people feel defensive," according to a letter to the editor Stumbo wrote which was published in The Floyd County Times in January, Ross proceeded to indirectly defend himself.

He asked the women, specifically Honshell and Stumbo, who are both former teachers of his, if "they had ever known him to judge people based on what they were, rather than who they were."

Honshell replied that she had not.

Still, tension existed beyond this point and Stumbo commented that she felt that "personal

attacks" had been directed toward her, though she pointed no fingers. She further stated that these alleged attacks on her character had harmed her both personally and professionally.

New board member Glenna Slone made a comment to the board that although she was new to the board experience, that she nonetheless had felt no bias toward her in regard to her gender.

As the subject of Stumbo's letter to the Times came up for discussion, Stumbo left the room after saying, "If you all are going to discuss my letter, then I believe that I will leave the room as you do so."

Upon Stumbo's departure, the board moved to recess for an unspecified amount of time.

Once the meeting reconvened, the board moved to approve several agenda items, some of which included monthly financial reports, the payment of bills and claims, and scheduled school trips and fundraising activities.

Approval was given to the McDowell Elementary School academic team to travel to Washington D.C., a Prestonsburg High School concert band trip, an Allen Central High School band trip to Florida, and a Clark Elementary fundraising activity.

The board then voted to go into executive session to discuss litigation, property and personnel matters.

After approximately 45 minutes, the board reconvened in open session with Ross informing that a decision had been made in executive session to advertise the "old Harold school" property as being for sale.

The South Floyd Scholastic Audit Report and vision for the future was presented to the board for approval by South Floyd's principal and a state audit team member.

At the end of the hour's presentation, board members had favorable comments and no negative responses.

The board then moved to review the status of the Kentucky Board of Education/Floyd County Board of Education Agreed Order Action Plan.

In regard to this plan, Stumbo commented that she did not see a delineated action plan outlining

the roles and responsibilities of each of the board members, as had been scheduled for completion by the end of February. Stumbo further commented that she had been under the impression that this agreed order was not a task to be completed by Fanning alone, but rather, by Fanning and the district state management team.

Stumbo expressed her dissatisfaction with the plan that was presented to the board.

Ross attempted to explain that it was difficult to formulate an action plan without first having access to the individual school financial and scholastic audits.

The board agreed to continue work on the agreed order action plan and to move to attempt to bring it into compliance with previous outlines.

Debbie Daniels, director of instruction, presented the Gifted/Talented Student Service Plan to the board for consideration and review.

Although Stumbo had "a problem" with the use of the word "plan" in regard to the outline and suggested the use of the word "form" instead, Daniels informed the board that the word "plan" must be used, and ultimately approval was given.

The board then recessed and reconvened as the Floyd County School District Finance Corporation.

Ross commented that the last meeting of the finance corporation had been held in 1998, and that new officers needed to be named.

Ross said that according to the bylaws that he had reviewed that the chairman of the board of education should serve as president of

the finance corporation. This being so, Ross was named as the corporation's president.

Afterwards, Jeff Stumbo was named as vice-president, Fanning was named as secretary, and the board treasurer Matt Wireman was named treasurer of this corporation.

A lengthy discussion from the corporation's financial advisor then ensued in regard to the Prestonsburg High School athletic field project and the feasibility of refunding series 1991 bonds. It was recommended to the corporation that to refund these bonds would bring in a possible excess of \$1 million to be used toward the project.

Ross stated that the County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson had pledged \$249,999 to this project.

The members then reconvened as the Board of Education and went on to discuss student administrative services matters relating to bond issue options for Prestonsburg High School and South Floyd High School athletic fields, attendance and transportation updates, Betsy Layne Elementary School roadway update by Ross, a report from Joe Jones, board architect on the athletic complexes, a review of the Betsy Layne Elementary Dome Roof project, and the superintendent's personnel report.

Just before adjourning for the evening, the board gave approval for up to four of its members to attend the upcoming National School Board Association meeting and also approval was given to allow the school bus that Ellis Spurlock had operated to be a part of his funeral procession.



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I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
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Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undo grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

Our heart felt thanks to all those who shared our grief. We would especially like to thank the Kentucky State Troopers, the Rescue Squad and the fire department for the kind and caring way that they took care of our loved one. We would also like to thank the staff at the McDowell ARH, Roger Nelson, Hall Funeral Home, and the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, food, who sat with us or offered a kind word.

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# Martin covers long list in short time

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

In a brief and to-the-point meeting, members of the Martin City Council discussed many items on their agenda.

Members seemed pleased when Bud Baldrige, engineer with Nesbitt Engineering, presented a map of the area to be annexed by the city of Martin. The area includes Martin BP Double Quick and the Mountain Christian Academy.

Council members also appointed Stacy Marshall, of Vanover, Hall and Bartley in Prestonsburg as city attorney. Marshall said he is looking forward to the position as city attorney because he enjoys working

with people of the city and that a lot of good people live in Martin.

Citizens seemed concerned with the existing problems with the city's sewer collection lines. Four of the city's lift stations for their sewage plant are running with only one pump which seems to have a bad sensor.

Kevin Potter, sewage operator, said that the previous operator had left all the power switches "wide open," which may have been a factor in the problem.

Members of the council were questioned whether recent power fluctuations, caused by changing a transformer at the main station, were to blame. Potter was urged to contact the power company for more information. The city expects to have the lift stations repaired soon.

The panel then discussed grants the city hopes to receive from the PRIDE corporation which will help fund sewage repairs. They also plan to apply

for other PRIDE grants for the police and fire stations.

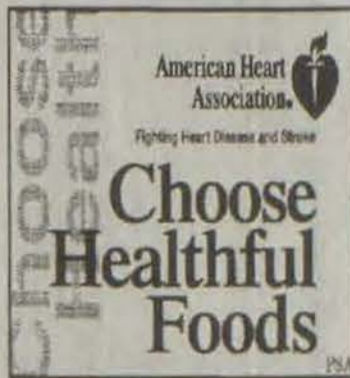
Next on the agenda, the council discussed changes to the personnel manual. New job descriptions have been noted by the council for the city's two assistant police officers and the police sergeant. The panel also accepted the new vacation policy for city employees. City employees are now allowed one day of annual time per month, and up to 12 days per year.

Mayor Thomasine Robinson appointed Mike Robinson, Joe Howard and Charles Justice as the board of appeals over the floodplain administration.

Before adjourning, the council held the second reading of ordinance 01-2002, which changes the meeting date of the

council. Beginning in March, the council will hold its meetings time on the fourth Tuesday each month at 2 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Thomasine Robinson, Charles Justice, Joe Howard, Eulene Ratliff and Michael Robinson.



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## Bishop

aspects of the hearing, the defense added that Bishop's mother, who was in attendance for the hearing Tuesday, suffered with cancer. It was felt that if she were made to wait for the trial, set for June, there was a chance she would not have the opportunity to see her son.

Again, at that point, Turner suggested that Bishop be moved back to the Floyd County Detention Center so

that visitation with his mother would be less of an inconvenience.

Bishop is currently being held, by request, in the Eastern Kentucky Correctional Center at West Liberty.

No decision was made Tuesday on the motion to lower Bishop's bond. Caudill took no definitive action but said that he would take the matter of bond into consideration.

## Letters

bars that the entire sheriff's department would be occupied? Also, if they only patrol until 4 a.m., does that mean that after this time the criminal of the county can run rampant?

After getting the runaround from the sheriff's department, we called the state police, who told us they would have somebody come out. Within 10 minutes, a sheriff's car came by with two deputies. Why would two deputies be in the same car if they were so short on help? As the car left the parking lot, two ladies were walking down the road toward the car. They were obviously under the influence of something, as they were staggering in the middle of the road. After the car almost hit them, the girls began to laugh and stopped to talk to the deputies. The deputies left the girls in the road and went on their way. Isn't public intoxication a crime?

On Sunday, February 22, one of the vehicles that was there the night before had returned. It appeared to me that they were passing a joint around the vehicle. I once again called the state police and sheriff's office. I was told that only one car patrolled the whole county on Sunday and they would try to have him drive by. Floyd County is a large county. Shouldn't there be more than one deputy to patrol the entire county? If the county is so short on deputies, perhaps they should put my tax dollars to use and hire some more help. After waiting for 30 minutes, a state police car drove by and the vehicle had already left.

I was under the impression that I still lived in a small community of Eastern Kentucky. I had no idea I lived in a place where people who cause trouble and break laws have more rights than the honest workers and taxpayers of this area. As a taxpayer, it angers me that my money is taken to pay the salaries of these men and they cannot even be counted on to do their jobs. It is a shame that someone cannot feel safe in their own home because they don't know what is going on outside and the police will not even come to protect them. Shouldn't my money and your money be put to good use?

Terri Wells  
Prestonsburg

## American Legion thanks donors

The American Legion Post 283 in Martin had a fund-raising dinner. The money went to a family of four children whose house burned.

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## A Last Look at Sports

## Swan Song!

Well, it has come down to this. One more column and the last one.

I leave after this week a job that I have held for the past 13 years and it is a sad, sad occasion for me as I step aside from what I have loved over the years.



I realize that someone else could have done a much better job than I did but I have always tried to do the best that I

could.

I have loved the kids that I have been around for so many years. From basketball into baseball into football, on and on. Track and field, golf, softball, Little League, basketball and it was a never ending process.

Out of whole year, there was about two weeks where sports in this county slowed down.

The kids of Floyd County have been a big, big part of my life. You will never know just how much. I have enjoyed watching you play the games and it has been this old sports editor's privilege to

have been a little part of your life. I am going to miss you! I hope you will not forget me now!

To our coaches in the county, regardless of the sport, thank you for your friendship over the years. Thank you for allowing me in your gymnasium, your ball park, your football stadium. I have tried to be a help to you and your programs.

I was reflecting back on the past 13 years and some of the great games I have watched. There have been so many. High school and grade school basketball has always been my first love when it came

to covering sports. But I enjoyed the great game of baseball as well. I really never knew that much about football until I started working at the paper but soon learned some things. It got to where I actually loved the game.

The greatest sporting event I ever covered was Prestonsburg thrilling overtime win over Danville. I will never, never forget that game. I only wish I had a tape of the game. Bill Letton was a great, great high school football coach.

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photo by Steve LeMaster

SOUTH FLOYD'S Stephanie Skeans (33) put up a shot against the Piarist defense. South Floyd was back in action last night against the number-one seeded host Betsy Layne Ladycats.

## South Floyd eases past Piarist

by STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

Freshman Megan Ousley got the girls portion of the 58th District Tournament started with a layup off the opening tip of the South Floyd-Piarist game. Ousley and the Lady Raiders were tied 2-2 with the Lady Knights of Piarist, but never trailed Monday night as they eased their way to a convincing 47-13 win.

Ousley and Kandice Mitchell led the way for South Floyd. Both Lady Raider starters tallied seven points apiece. Stacia Stanley added six points in the 34-point South Floyd win.

"We played a lot of people tonight," said South Floyd

Coach Melinda Osborne. "Playing a lot of people gave us a chance to work on some things like blocking out; things that we needed to do. We're playing real good right now."

Piarist's Morgan Caldwell tied the game up at 2-2 with a jumper off the glass.

South Floyd led 8-2 with 4:58 left to play in the opening period. Piarist's Ross went one-for-two from the charity stripe to make it an 8-3 game. Mitchell hit on one-of-two free tosses at the end of the opening period to put South Floyd up 17-3. Ousley hit one one-of-two free throw attempts in the final minute to make it 18-3 at the end of the first quarter. South Floyd's 15-point advantage at the end of the opening frame came courtesy of a 16-1 run after the score was knotted up at 2-2.

The second quarter went nearly scoreless as both squads failed to get on the scoreboard for most of the entire period. South Floyd's first score of the second quarter came on a Brandy Anderson three-point field goal with 1:58 left to play in the first half. The Lady Raiders also scored on two

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*Eleven Lady Raiders score in district tournament win*



# 58th District Tournament



photo by Steve LeMaster

DUSTIN MUSIC (34) of Prestonsburg, went up for a baseline shot in the first quarter of Monday's game against the Piarist School. Music netted a game-high 23 points in the contest.

## Prestonsburg breaks century mark

All Blackcats score in 104-42 victory over Piarist

by STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

Piarist Coach Gary Kidd knew his thin Knight squad of just five healthy players would have a tall task in their 58th District opening round game against the Prestonsburg Blackcats.

Fans in attendance saw the Knights hang around within contention for over half of the first quarter. Piarist and Prestonsburg were tied 8-8 at the 3:51 mark of the opening period. The Blackcats led 24-14 at the end of the first quarter, eventually posting a

more than convincing 104-42 win. Prestonsburg also defeated Piarist in both of the two teams head-to-head meetings this past season. Monday night's Piarist game had all 13 of the Prestonsburg Blackcats scoring.

"It was good that everyone got a chance to play," said Prestonsburg Coach Jackie Day Crisp, "and everybody scored for us, which is good."

Prestonsburg led 4-0 before Piarist senior Mat Goeing put his team on the scoreboard with a short field goal. The Blackcats led 8-2, before Piarist went on a 6-0 scoring run to tie the game up at 8-8. After leading 24-14 at the end of the first period, Prestonsburg held thin in numbers Piarist to just six points in the second frame.

Dustin Music got the Blackcats going in the second quarter when he connected on a layin. Robert Hall scored for Piarist's first points of the

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I will never forget John Ortega's three-point basket he drilled against Martin in an overtime win in the championship game of the Floyd County Grade School Tournament. John was just a sixth grader that year. What a thrilling game.

John Derossett, Ted George, Kevin Spurlock, and Nathan Jones are good friends of mine and I have enjoyed the sporting relationship with each of them. Coach Derossett will have a great football program this coming season and I am going to miss watching them play.

It has been a good basketball season here in Floyd County and my last. Coach Johnny Martin, Brent Rose, Jackie Day Crisp, Henry Webb and Gary Kidd are people who I will always remember. You have been great over the years.

The best move ever made in this county was when Allen Central hired Cindy Halbert as their girls basketball coach. Thank you Cindy for the great Belfry teams as well. Keep you head up and stay focused.

At Betsy Layne, a very good friend I have in Cassandra Akers and her husband Ronnie. When I first started she was at McDowell coaching the Lady Daredevils. She had some wonderful players that year and has a great bunch of girls this year.

Harold Tackett, Prestonsburg, has always been a big supporter of me here at the newspaper. I will never forget his friendship over the years. He has been a source of encouragement to this old boy.

She has always deserved a high school coaching job and finally this year she has gotten it and has done a marvelous job and her team will be the team to beat in the seasons ahead. Melenda Osborne, you are a great coach and I wish you and the Lady Raiders the best in the years ahead.

I wish someone would get Gary Kidd some extra players at the Piarist School. Now if you're wanting some playing time, think about going to Piarist next year. I can say that now!

Past coaches who has meant a lot to me. Gordon Parido. Coached the Prestonsburg program and the first team I covered in the state tournament.

I remember that so much well because I had caught the flu just before I went to Lexington and did not feel well at all. But I remember the seven three-point baskets Travis Ford hit in the first quarter against the Cats.

I have already mentioned Bill Letton. What a class act. A great coach and one we let get away.

Monroe Jones. Wheelwright. Monroe was a good friend and is at Powell County right now. I would like to see Monroe come home one day.

Tim Rice, a friend, a coach and one who wasn't done right by in our system. Thanks Tim for all the years.

When it came to the game of basketball, no one knew it any better than Jack Pack. He had some great Prestonsburg teams and he was a good coach. Regardless how one may feel about other things, he was a great basketball coach. I

enjoyed my association with Jack.

William "Junior" Newsome. I followed his high school baseball teams and I believe he enjoyed coaching baseball as well, or more, than basketball. He had some great basketball teams but his had some standout baseball teams as well. I often think of Junior Newsome and consider him a great friend.

Jack Goodman. What can I say about Jack Goodman? He was an excellent coach at whatever sport he was the head of. Here is a person who deserved a shot at the high school level. He could coach with the best of them.

Ronnie Patton never really got a shot at the high school level. He was hired one year at South Floyd and then let go the next. That was a shame and he could have been successful there. Ronnie has been a great grade school coach down through the years.

Doug Derossett had some great Martin teams. Jimmy Hopkins, another who deserved a high school coaching position.

One of my best friends in the coaching ranks has been Hayes Hamilton over the years. I have always respected Hayes and I hold him in high regard. He would have made an excellent high school coach.

Others include folks like Johnny Case, Frankie Pack and the list could go on and on.

All-time sports supporter has to be Perry Jones who has given 27 years to the Left Beaver programs. Perry is a dear friend of mine.

My old buddies at Intermountain Cable and WPRG. The good doctor, Doctor Don, Ken, Barry, P.D., Adam, Brian and all the rest. Thank you for a special, special friendship over the years. I still miss my old show on channel five.

Others include Rick Hughes, Don Compton, and Randy Tincher for Q95. I have enjoyed these folks as well and they are good friends. Dale McKinney at WMDJ. I remember Dale when

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## Piarist

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field goals in the quarter.

Piarist went scoreless in the second quarter and went into the halftime break trailing the Lady Raiders 25-3.

Piarist senior Emily Meyer hit for the first two points of the third quarter to make it a 25-5 game. Ross scored one Piarist possession later, after a South Floyd score, to make it a 27-7 game in South Floyd's favor.

Sara Johnson hit on a pair of field goals in the latter part of the third period and Stacia Stanley added a field goal. Meyer was fouled on a three-point attempt with just 3.5 seconds left in the third period. The senior went one-of-three on her free attempts, hitting the second attempt to make it a 37-9 South Floyd advantage after three quarters.

South Floyd's Carla Hall started the fourth period with a long three-point connect. Hall also scored on South Floyd's next possession. Her second fourth quarter score extended the South Floyd lead out to a 40-9 advantage.

Mary Bentley put Piarist in the fourth quarter books with a three-pointer. The Bentley tri-fecta made it a 44-12 contest. South Floyd closed out the final period and the game with a Candice Hall three-pointer.

Carla Hall finished with five points for South Floyd. Ashley and Sara Johnson each had four points. Candice Hall and Brandy Anderson each had three points while Minnie Tackett, Tabitha Tackett and Tiffany Williams

added two each.

Ross had a team-high five points for Piarist. Meyer and Bentley each had three while Caldwell added two. Whitney Lykins played the entire game for Piarist but did not score.

The Lady Raiders of South Floyd were back in action last night against Betsy Layne. Results from the South Floyd-Betsy Layne girls game will appear in Friday's Times Sports.

## Century

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second period.

Prestonsburg doubled up Piarist 32-16, leading the Knights by that same 16-point margin at the 5:15 mark of the second period. The Blackcats netted an eventual 22 points in the second quarter en route to a 56-20 halftime advantage.

Prestonsburg began the third quarter by going on an 11-0 run to lead 67-20. Goeing broke the Piarist offensive drought by going one-of-two from the free throw line. T.C. Hatfield then answered the Goeing free throw with a bucket at the other end for Prestonsburg.

Goeing went two-for-two from the free-throw line later in the quarter. His free-toss performance was answered by a pair of field goals from Blackcat Josh Murdock and a putback from teammate Kevin Younce.

Hall had Piarist's last four points of the third period. The final field goal of the quarter was a Hall-buzzer beater connected from beyond the three-point arc. Hall's long field goal made it a 76-29 Prestonsburg

advantage going into the final quarter.

Prestonsburg senior Ricky Powers drained a three-point field goal on the opening possession of the fourth quarter. Piarist center Brian Yates drained a trey of his own on the next possession of the contest.

The Blackcats were cruising with an 83-32 lead when junior Ryan Martin extended the lead by two with a field goal. Eugene Sisco answered with a field goal for Piarist. Prestonsburg senior Matt Tackett then connected on back-to-back scores on field goals. Tackett later scored two points with :24 remaining in the last quarter to put Prestonsburg over the 100-point mark. The Blackcats led 101-42 after the Tackett score.

Sisco put the last Piarist score in on the final Knight possession. Tackett connected on a long three-point bomb at the buzzer to cap off the Prestonsburg win.

Music led the way for Prestonsburg with a game-high 23 points. Junior Brad Bevins

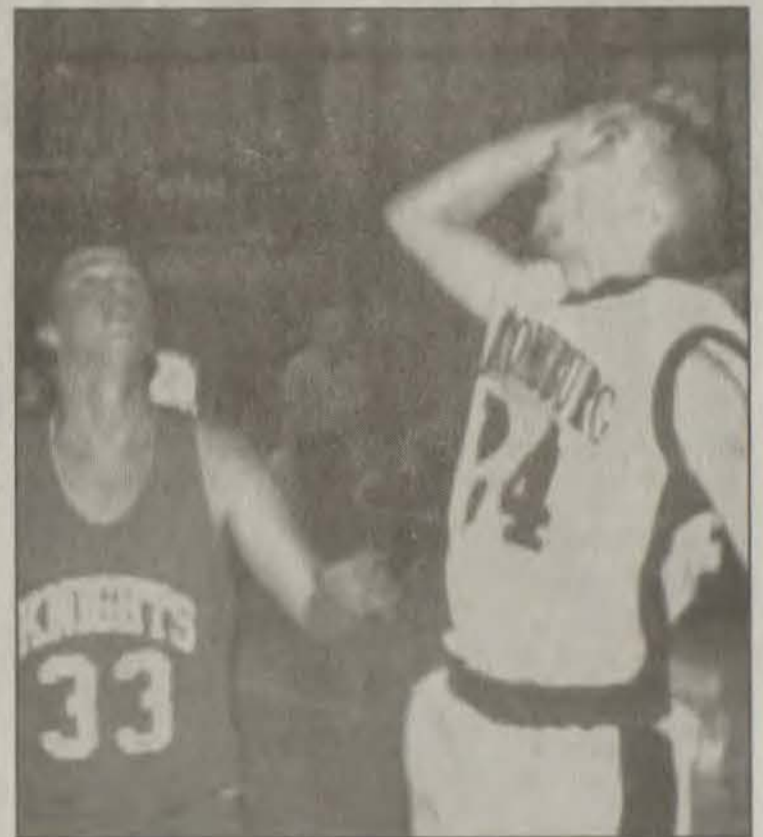
netted 18 points while Tackett added 13 points in the win. Matt Stone finished with eight points.

Hall led Piarist with a team-high 16 points. Goeing had 15 and Sisco finished with eight. Yates finished the contest with three points. Justin Ross played the entire game for Piarist but did not score.

Prestonsburg was back in action last night against the Allen Central Runnin' Rebels. Results from the Prestonsburg-Allen Central game will appear in Friday's Times Sports.

PRESTONSBURG (104)- Music 23, Bevins 18, Tackett 13, Stone 8, Murdock 7, Allen 6, Martin 6, Powers 5, Hatfield 5, Younce 4, Fleenor 2, Willis 1.

PIARIST (42)- Hall 16, Goeing 15, Sisco 8, Yates 3, Ross 0.



BRAD BEVINS (24) of Prestonsburg, went up for a layup against Robert Hall (33) of Piarist. Bevins netted 18 points in the convincing Prestonsburg win.

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# Steve's Sidelinshots

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

## Tournament Time!

Unless you've been in a deep-winter hibernation sleep, you probably are aware what time of year it is and what is going on all around the state of Kentucky and the entire country for that matter. It's postseason tournament time, it's time (if you're a basketball player or team) to step it up a notch and play like there is no tomorrow. Truth is, if you lose, there is no tomorrow.

If previous years are any indication, the state basketball tournament, both boys and girls, will be about as predictable as the weather. With that, here's a few things to take with you when you make it out

to whatever tournament you may wander off to in the next couple of weeks.

> The South Floyd Raiders are playing real well. The Lady Raiders are also doing very good. Look for the South Floyd boys team to make a possible postseason tournament run. Both the Raiders and Lady Raiders are real young. The lone senior on the girls team is Minnie Tackett.

> Bill Mike Runyon will ALWAYS put a Paintsville Tiger team on the floor that will play hard. This year's Paintsville team is led by the senior brother duo of Ben and Brian Hale. Another senior, Brad Austin, is a very good defensive player. Austin has played real well this season. Junior Chas Harmon is a three-point threat if there ever was a three-point threat.

Harmon is a great shooter. He's also a pretty good quarterback, but this isn't football we're talking about.

> Sheldon Clark or Johnson Central? Which one of those teams will come out of the 57th District? Both own 20-plus point road wins over the other. It should be interesting.

> The 60th District Tournament is being played at Phelps High School. Yes, Phelps High School! Belfry is the unanimous favorite on both the boys and girls side of things over in the 60th.

The Prestonsburg-Allen Central girls game tonight in our local 58th District Tournament up at Betsy Layne should be a great one. Coach Cindy Halbert has her Allen Central Lady Rebs playing great basketball.

> 15th Region officials will be calling 12th Region Tournament games this season while 12th Region officials will come to the 15th Region. The 13th and 14th Regions will switch in the same manner while the 16th Region officials will stay at home.

## Steppin up to the plate

I will take over the position of Sports Editor of The Times after Friday, March 2. Ed Taylor is moving on. In the new position I see a lot of opportunity and a lot of added responsibility and excitement. I look forward to the new position. Then again, I hate to see Ed leave. I'm looking real forward to getting started in the role of Times Sports Editor. I have a lot of ideas and a lot of new concepts. I look forward to introducing them while learning and growing with the youth of Floyd and other surrounding counties. Attention parents: the coaches we have here in Floyd County are doing a good job! I hope we can all work together in getting the best sports coverage for Floyd County.

I can be reached here at the office at (606) 886-8506, via fax at (606) 886-3603 or by email: sports@floydcounty-times.com. I look forward to talking with each and everyone one of you that I've met and those that I haven't had the chance to yet meet.



photo by Steve LeMaster

JOEY WILLIS (20) of Prestonsburg, and Matt Goeing (10) of The Plarist School, worked for position against each other in the second quarter of Monday evening's first round 58th District Tournament game.

## Sports

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he coached the old Clark Indians basketball team and what some great teams he had as well as players. Thanks Dale for all the memories and keep the airwaves hot.

"Ranger" Rick Caudill (WMDJ) and I go back a long way when I first got channel five on the air. Rick was a big help along Bobby Griffith and Johnny Mayo.

Jason Blanton and Rick Bentley have been very, very dear friends of mine over the years. What two great persons and I am going to miss their fellowship. Thanks Rick and Jason.

I am not even going to try and list the players who have meant so much to me. I am just going to say good-bye and I wish all of you the best in life.

To the folks at the board of education, I may have been hard at times on you but deep down I have appreciated you. But I still contend you need a county athletic director. Woody Carter and Mr. Fannin, thanks for every thing you job is not an easy one.

To Pete Grigsby, Jr. you have been a friend all the way. Your contribution to athletics in this county will not be surpassed. Frankie Francis, good job and thanks.

To Mayor Jerry Fannin and the entire Prestonsburg city council, thank you for all the support of the Blackcats. You have been a real help. Hope you enjoy the new field next season during football.

The sports mantle will fall on the shoulders of Steve Lemaster here at the Times. Give him all the help you can and help make the transition a little easier for all concerned.

I leave behind my fellow-workers who have been so important to me. I love them all and have enjoyed all the years with most of them.

They are professional people but also they are just like you and I. They have their moments and they have they setbacks. Without them, at times, I don't think I could have accomplished what I did. Thanks to all of them for their kindness to this old sports writer.

A final tribute could not go unsaid but to just thank the Lord for a great son in Greg, who has been a big supporter of his old dad. God could not have given us a finer son than Greg. He is not only my son, but my BEST FRIEND.

Well, Nancy and I will be leaving after this weekend. I will speak at the Lighthouse Baptist Church one last time this Sunday. The church is having a dinner and a sendoff. I would like to invite all my friends to come out at 11 a.m. for the special day.

Finally, for the last time, good sports everyone and be good sports!

## Cody to play two sports at Pikeville

Cordia High School product Amelia Cody will get an opportunity to do something rare these days: She will play two sports on the collegiate level.

Cody, a 6-1 senior, will play basketball and run cross country for Pikeville College when she enters school next fall.

"Amelia Cody brings a lot to the table, and we feel very fortunate to get her at Pikeville College," said Bill Watson, women's basketball coach at Pikeville. "On the basketball court, she's tall enough to be a real presence in the post. Now that we're in the Mid-South Conference, having players taller than six feet is a must. We think she will add a lot to our program."

Cody is averaging 14 points and 9.3 rebounds per game, while hitting 54 percent from the field. She also blocked 37 shots this season.

In her career, she has 1,032 point for Coach Jeff Honeycutt's Lady Lions.

Cross-country coach John Biery is also excited to add her to the cross-country roster.

"Any time you can get a runner from Cordia's program, you've improved your squad," said Biery. "Amelia is a very talented runner who will go a long way toward helping our women's cross country team. Plus, having her running in the fall will help her be ready when basketball season begins."

Cody is the fourth player to sign to play women's basketball at Pikeville from the Class of 2001. She joins Pike County Central's Ashley Melvin, Shelby Valley's Ashley Damron and Pikeville's Jill Kimberlain as Lady Bears.



MELANIE ELIZABETH KINZER of Betsy Layne Elementary was crowned basketball homecoming queen on January 16. She is the daughter of Lettie J. Smith of Banner and the granddaughter of the late Charles E. and Blanch Smith, formerly of Banner; and Raymond and Getie Kizer of Warsaw, Indiana. Her escort was Steven Conn, son of Anthony and Leica Conn of Dana. He is the grandson of Cornelia Conn and the late W.B. Conn of Dana, and Earl and Bonnie Mulkey, also of Banner.

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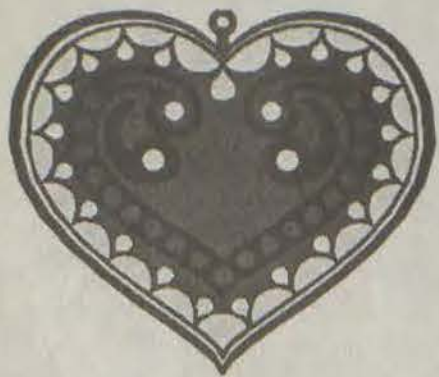
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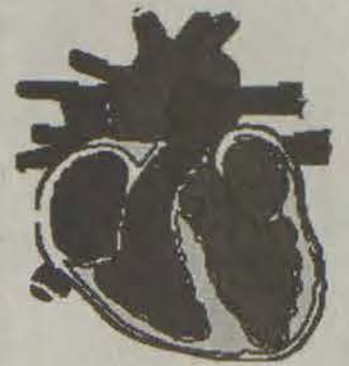
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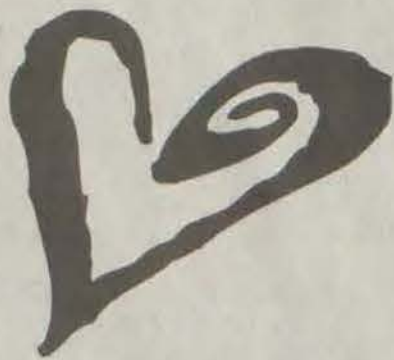
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by CLYDE PACK

When I was growing up in the 1940s, there wasn't a tree or a rock on any hill in Muddy Branch that hadn't been explored thoroughly, as all the boys in the neighborhood ran them ragged playing cowboys and Indians.

I guess that during that period I owned every type of cap buster the toymakers made. On top of that, for a period of eight or 10 years, I didn't miss a Saturday matinee, and probably saw every Gene Autry and Roy Rogers movie ever made. Of course, I also had the chance to see the latest efforts of Rocky Lane, Lash Larue and the Durango Kid. Consequently, I spent many hours practicing my quick draw.

It's little wonder, then, that as I grew up, my favorite novelist became the late Louis L'Amour. Of course, I had to put him aside for a few years as I read Chaucer, Spenser and Shakespeare, but as soon as I had time to read for my own pleasure, L'Amour was my man.

Although some of the stories stress strong family ties, what with the Sackett brothers and all, most of his heroes are strong, self-sufficient loners. What's really ironic, though, after all these years, is the realization that, although modern man, myself included, would truly like to think of ourselves as being that way, we're not.

Where a L'Amour character could shape his own destiny simply by developing physical and mental toughness and having the courage to act upon the dictates of his conscience, modern man has become so dependent upon others that precious few choices can be made that do not affect dozens of other people.

Now, I'm not saying this is wrong or anything, but it sure makes one wonder about what we'd do if suddenly we couldn't depend on others anymore.

I mean, when one of L'Amour's heroes got hungry, he'd simply shoot and roast a jack rabbit, a rattle snake or a prairie chicken. For some reason, I have difficulty relating to such an experience when I order up a bucket of Kentucky Fried, extra crisp.

So, even though I still read L'Amour and enjoy vicariously the adventures of his independent young heroes, I'm afraid I could never have been one.

But, then again, I doubt seriously that one of L'Amour's characters could survive in 2001.

Imagine opening one of L'Amour's novels and reading the following: "He was slowly dying in the saddle from the bullet hole in his hip. The buzzards were already swinging in waiting circles above him. He slid down a canyon side and found a cave under the rock wall. He crawled in and lay down, his rifle pointed at the entrance. But he couldn't keep his eyes open. There was no strength in him.

"When he awoke, there was a woman kneeling beside him. He felt her cool, deft fingers working at his wounds. She pulled a small bundle from her deer-skin Gucci bag, and spoke, 'Here, eat this. You need strength.'

"What is it?" he asked weakly.

"Oh not much," she answered gently. "It's just something I picked up at El Paso Bob's Trading Post, Video Rental and Carry Out. It's char-broiled. It's called McJerky. I had a coupon."

L'Amour's heroes could not have survived such as that.

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## 'The Damndest Politics'

by PAUL R. JORDAN  
FROM WAYLAND TO LA

1960 was a banner year for me—both on a personal and professional level—with (Gov. Bert) Combs in the forefront in May and July.

Earlier in the year, Wiley Jones—my mentor in algebra and math at Wayland High School in the 1940s—asked if I would make the commencement speech at my old school. I'd be honored to do it and, sure enough, a formal invitation came along in due time.

A few days later, visiting with Combs in his office, I told him about the coming honor of addressing the graduating class at Wayland in late May. "OK," he said, "I'll introduce you." Stunned at first, who was I to say no, though it

rounding his protege speaker. Combs was his usual low-key self, Mabel was smiling and gloriously happy to be back at her old school as First Lady.

The speech went well except at the end when I got emotional and sucked back some would-be tears—after all, I told the students, "Seventeen years ago, I sat out there where you are tonight (and heard a long-winded speech)." My little speech might have set a record for brevity—15-16 minutes. Afterwards, Combs joked about my choking up. "I thought you were pulling a Happy Chandler on me!" he said. No, never Guv.

After the ceremony, several local citizens came to the stage for chit-chat, among them the basketball whiz, Kelly Coleman, whom I had named "King Kelly" in print. He needed a state

Kentucky governor.

Governor Combs made a special plane trip from Frankfort for the commencement at Wayland High School.

Mrs. Combs, who also attended Wayland High, was present at the ceremonies.

"There is as much opportunity in Floyd County and Eastern Kentucky as in the whole world," Combs told about 550 persons.

"Don't look to the far horizons, look right here. Paul Jordan did it. You can, too. You can become a famous newspaperman or even a governor."

The Governor, whose home is in Floyd County, called Jordan a credit to the profession of journalism.

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"He (Jordan) has provided dramatic proof of the opportunities which await this graduating class."

Jordan, a 1943 graduate of Wayland, told the graduates:

"You will find the world waiting—even eager, to help you. But there is one catch—you must show that you are eager and sincere in wanting the help of others, that you desire to profit from the experience and knowledge of those around you."

He said graduates should give close attention to human relations in addition to their talents and ambitions.

Jordan was the first alumnus of Wayland to return to make a commencement speech. A spokesman at the State Department of Public Relations at Frankfort said no Kentucky governor ever has introduced a high-school-commencement speaker—and possibly not even a college commencement speaker.

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A month or so later, I learned that I would make my first trip to the West Coast in mid-July—that is, on AP business.

The new bureau chief in Louisville, Charles Welsh, assigned me to cover the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles—more specifically, the Kentucky delegation headed by Gov. Combs, Lt. Gov. Wyatt and Clements (Chandler was there, too, as a delegate).

I would not only file daily stories for both cycles, I would also mail sidebars to the Louisville bureau for relay on the statewide network. I was—glad to say—equal to the task, holding forth from a delapidated hotel which, as one delegate put it, could boast "hole-to-hole carpeting." It seems that Kentucky Democrats, under Chandler, had not paid their fare share of party dues, thus, the impoverished residence at the Commodore Hotel.

The hotel ambiance may have fallen far short of lavish, but the hospitality suite flowed like Niagara with all types of bourbon, Scotch, gin and vodka—thanks in part to the generosity of the George brothers from Lebanon, Kentucky, Hyleme and Phillip. Hyleme was there in person, his bubbly self ever true to the lure of politics in a bigtime setting.

The sub-standard lodging notwithstanding, the political air vibrated with the likes of that Texas giant, Lyndon B. Johnson, the choice of Kentuckians for president. His friend and former colleague, Clements, was running this show for presidential nomination, with Combs' consent, for he, too, favored a southerner. The big obstacle, of course, was a Yankee named John F. Kennedy, the senator from Massachusetts.

As history records, Kennedy won impressively on the first ballot by the vote of Wyoming—the first Roman Catholic to be nominated for president since Al Smith in the 1920s. The Kentucky delegation gave Johnson virtually all of its votes—25-plus, with Chandler giving his half-vote to Kennedy.

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### Local man writes memoir of experience with state politics

Wayland native Paul R. Jordan reported on and hobnobbed with some of Kentucky's most noted and colorful leaders.

A 1943 graduate of Wayland High School, a World War II veteran and a University of Kentucky journalism graduate, Jordan went to Frankfort in 1952 to work with The Associated Press, covering governors and men who wanted to be governor.

He left AP to serve as advisor to two governors, Bert Combs and Ned Breathitt, and later worked in communications for the state government and then for the federal government in Washington, DC, before retiring in 1981.

Now living in Youngsville, North Carolina, Jordan has written a manuscript for a book, tentatively titled "The Damndest Politics: A Memoir." He has agreed to share a couple of chapters with The Times. This article runs as a follow-up to previous chapters.

was my show; besides, whoever heard of a governor introducing a high school commencement speaker? Well, they will now, he said matter-of-factly, grinning.

When the day arrived—I had cleared it with my new boss in Louisville—I drove to Wayland with the most precious people in my life—wife, son Paul II (four years old) and my mother, Versa Hall Jordan Moore.

Leaving Prestonsburg, we almost collided with a car backing onto the highway in a congested area. With a car coming toward us in the other lane, I had no place to go except straight ahead, praying he would see us and clear the way.

"We're going to crash," I yelled. Luckily, the errant driver pulled out of my lane in the nick of time, and we went on unharmed, but badly shaken.

We arrived an hour or so early at Wayland, visited with old friends outside the 1941 building, and waited for the governor and his party. He and wife Mabel had flown into the mountains by helicopter, accompanied by Press Secretary Ed Easterly, Ed, a Tennessean, was enjoying the mountain atmosphere and all the hubbub sur-

rounding his protege speaker. Combs was his usual low-key self, Mabel was smiling and gloriously happy to be back at her old school as First Lady.

The speech went well except at the end when I got emotional and sucked back some would-be tears—after all, I told the students, "Seventeen years ago, I sat out there where you are tonight (and heard a long-winded speech)." My little speech might have set a record for brevity—15-16 minutes. Afterwards, Combs joked about my choking up. "I thought you were pulling a Happy Chandler on me!" he said. No, never Guv.

After the ceremony, several local citizens came to the stage for chit-chat, among them the basketball whiz, Kelly Coleman, whom I had named "King Kelly" in print. He needed a state

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### AP Writer Lauded Governor Introduces Speaker at Wayland

by THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wayland, Ky., May 31—Paul Jordan, Associated Press correspondent at Frankfort, Tuesday night became the first high-school commencement speaker to be introduced by a

### Small World

by AILEEN HALL

#### Derek's Essay



I wrote last week about Derek Hale, a young man I observed during his elementary and high school years, and who has completed his education with a very impressive record.

Today, February 28, is the birthday of his father, Mattison "Buck" Hale, who passed away six years ago. Derek gave me permission to reprint, in memory of his father, an essay he did in 1988 when he was in eighth grade at Betsy Layne Elementary. It is titled,

"A Night to Remember."

"On March 10, 1956, in the T.W. Oliver Memorial Gymnasium on the campus of Pikeville High School, the 15th Region Championship game was set to take place. The stage was set for one of the 15th Region's most memorable games. The cast of characters was equal to the game's billing.

The infamous King Kelly Coleman's 44 points per game led Coach "Copper John" Campbell's Wayland Wasps against Pikeville's legendary John Bill "Bull" Trivette and the Pikeville Panthers.

Pikeville, regional winner in four of the last six years, had "the press," but Wayland had the "King." Pikeville's lineup of Adkins, Justice, Lockhart, Phillips and Smith would prove to be Pikeville's best in 1957, but 1956 belonged to the "King" and the Wayland Wasps. Although the "King" fouled out in the 3rd quarter with 44 points, the Wasps and their fine coach held back Pikeville, 96-90, and won a trip to the "Sweet Sixteen."

The other Wasp players came to their fallen star's rescue and sent him on a journey to state tournament glory. In the 1956 state tournament, the "King" put on a dominating offensive show that no one has ever equaled, and no one probably ever will.

Stories come and go, but the legend of the "King" will never die."

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Derek's account of a game played in 1956 is described as though he had witnessed it; but he wasn't even born until 1974, and he wrote it in 1988. That's proof enough that records are made to become a part of our history for future generations.

Anyway, as those of us who love the game of basketball look forward to the tournaments of "March Madness," it's good to be reminded of stories and legends of the past. Who knows what records will be broken this year?

### National Champions

Many people are involved in basketball records, and it isn't always the ball players. The cheerleaders for the Pikeville High School Panthers have made a name for themselves and this area as they won the national championship at the Universal Cheerleading Association's competition in Orlando, Florida, recently. This award represents a lot of hard work on the part of team members and Coach Jeannie Stone. It's a first such achievement for this area.

I had a special interest in this award as one of the team members is Katie Trimble whom I've been privileged to see grow up. Katie is also a sixth generation granddaughter of pioneer heroine Jenny Wiley, and she must have inherited some of her ancestor's determination.

We'd like to express sincere congratulations to this cheerleading team.

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Who would Kennedy choose as a vice presidential running mate? We'll see.

The Kentucky delegates may have favored a southerner for president, but they declined to join 11 other southern states in repudiating the civil rights plank in the Democratic platform; the platform, which embraced the party's guiding principles for the next four years, would be adopted even though that one issue rankled southerners on the whole.

Essentially, the controversial issue endorsed by indirection the sit-in demonstrations in the South; called authorities to submit plans for at least first-step compliance with the U.S. Supreme Court school-integration order by 1963, and subscribed to the Federal Fair Employment Practices Commission program.

Gov. Combs said the dissident southern states had asked

his border state to join with them in disavowing the civil rights proposal. "But, as chairman, I declined to do so," he said, "And I believe my action reflects the majority of feeling among our delegates."

Earlier on that Tuesday, July 12, Combs reassured his delegates that he still favored LBJ for nomination for president. He would poll them, he said, on their personal choices before convention balloting started the next evening (Wednesday).

As all of us expected, it was evident that Kennedy would win the nomination easily. Thus, like most of the 4,500 delegates crammed into the Sports Arena, the 62 Kentucky delegates switched their interest to the vice presidency. Most frequently mentioned were Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri and Sen. Henry (Scoop) Jackson of Washington.

That Tuesday evening, Adlai Stevenson—two-time loser to the popular "Ike"—entered the convention hall amid a mighty roar from delegates and audience. He was almost mobbed by the crowd, this smiling intellectual whose timing was unfortu-

nate for the winning ways of political fortunes. He completely disrupted the business at hand—and loved it.

Florida Gov. Leroy Collins, chairman, rapped once for order, then gave up while the band played and the crowd roared to a crescendo. Adlai was the first of presidential aspirants to arrive there. Many chanted, "We want Stevenson," and his banners appeared everywhere.

Collins tried to restore order—no way. Another cheer erupted when Collins announced that Stevenson and Eleanor Roosevelt were being escorted to the speaker's platform.

The former first lady, applauding in unison with all, was a veteran-diehard Stevenson backer (at a distance later, I saw Mrs. Roosevelt come out of the convention hall in a wheelchair; all I could think was—what a great lady!)

Appearing on the forum, Stevenson gave that familiar wave, and told the cheering multitudes:

"I won't attempt, Mr. Chairman, to tell you how grateful I am for this tumultuous and

moving welcome to the 1960 convention. However, I have an observation: After getting in and out of the Biltmore Hotel I've decided I know whom you will nominate...It will be the last survivor."

The demonstration lasted 20 minutes.

Still the question: Who would run with Kennedy?

Speculation focused on U.S. Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri. And the Kentucky delegation had leaned in that direction before meeting with Kennedy the next day. Earlier in the day, the Kentuckians had endorsed the Missouri senator in a caucus, never believing the powerful Texas senator would accept second billing.

But he did accept the vice presidential nomination, which stunned Combs and the others. I kidded the governor about being for Symington rather than Johnson as a running mate. "Uh, that was just a smokescreen," he smiled, slyly.

Their private meeting with the Kennedys—Jack and Robert—at the Biltmore Hotel was informal, orderly and congenial. The nominee, looking natty in a blue suit, smiled broadly and urged Combs' support of his border state (most of the southern states had voted for Johnson).

"I realize we have some problems in Kentucky, and I would appreciate your help," Kennedy told Combs. The governor said his state would start campaigning early toward ensuring a Democratic victory in the South.

Of course, Kennedy went on to defeat Richard Nixon in a close showdown.

My most vivid memory of the convention, with history swirling around me everywhere, was the following:

As the roll call of states proceeded, Clements and the other Kentuckians showed strongly their exultation as Johnson won another southern state.

At one point in the exhibition—TV was in its infancy and recording the overall scene—Clements got too enthusiastic for me. Leaning on his cane, he turned and swiped me with it across both legs-shins. It hurt.

"Don't do that again, senator," I told him angrily. And he obliged.

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Kentucky mountain boy in big city (for the first time that far west).

After the convention, I stayed over for two days just to relax, enjoy the climate, and take in a few sights along with some observations-non-political.

Naturally, I had to write about this "fabulous" city, the nation's third largest, on the first visit.

In an AP story on July 30, 1960, I wrote in part for the folks back home:

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AGRICULTURE

## Bugs, Bugs, Everywhere!!!

Are you finding little black bugs with red lines, about 1/2 inch long, inside your house or outside on the foundations or sunny walls? Is this your first contact with these insects, or is there an invasion nearly every spring and again in fall? If so, chances are you have a female boxelder tree in your yard or nearby. Boxelderbugs, as they are called, feed on the seeds and foliage of female trees, and to a lesser extent, on ash and maple. In fall, the bugs move to protected sites where they can overwinter, such as inside or under your house. Boxelder bugs you find in spring are those which survived the winter, perhaps in your house, and will soon die of "old age." In fall, you can probably expect another invasion of the next generation of boxelder bugs.

The good news is that they cause little or no damage to the trees, so tree protection is not needed. You already know the bad news, that the bugs are a nuisance. However, they will not reproduce in the house, nor will they feed on

plants or furnishings indoors. They will soon die of old age. Inside the house, you can vacuum them up periodically, and those that escape will soon die off. Reduce the numbers that will enter your house in fall by caulking cracks, mending screens, and attaching "sweep strips" to the bottom of the doors. These efforts will keep other insects out as well.

Outside, you can vacuum them with a shop vacuum for a non-toxic method of control. You can also spray them with insecticidal soap that contains pyrethrin. Insecticidal soap is simply a highly refined soap, and is a good least-toxic option. Malathion or long-residual insecticides applied to foundations and around doors and windows can also be used to manage the outdoor congregations. In fall, you can probably expect another invasion, and can use the same management methods.

If you have a severe problem with boxelder bugs every year, and feel you just don't want to tolerate them, you may want to consider removal of the female box elder trees. Male trees do not attract these bugs, and when boxelder trees are planted, males should be selected. You can distinguish between male and female trees in spring and fall. In spring, both have blossoms, but blossoms of male trees are corymbs (upright, small, with a branching effect similar to that of an umbrella); blossoms of female trees are racemes (long and slender, hanging down). In fall, only the female trees produce seeds, the type called samara or keys, similar in appearance to the paired "whirlybird" seeds of maple. The clusters of seeds on female trees remain attached in winter.

# Our Yesterdays

(Items taken from The Floyd County Times, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 years ago.)

## Ten Years Ago (February 27-March 1)

A coalition of economic development organizations in Floyd and Pike counties has been formed to secure, develop and promote a 500-acre industrial park located near Pikeville and Prestonsburg...Due to the number of eleventh grade students in this area, Floyd County was allotted five positions to fill for Governor's Scholars, and competition was fierce among area high school scholars for this top academic position. To be considered for the honor, students had to be at the top of their class. To win the honor, students had to excel, and Anthony Lee Little, a 17-year-old junior at Wheelwright High School excelled. He was selected as a Governor's Scholar with four Betsy Layne High School students last week...A Lexington engineering firm has been employed to perform a location and cost analysis for a new, 18-hole golf course at Jenny Wiley State Park...For Lisa Meade of Abbott Creek, supporting American soldiers involved with Operation Desert Storm has become a personal mission. Meade has written letters to approximately 26 American soldiers from Floyd County, and plans to write to every Floyd County soldier possible. "I just want to thank them for the job they are doing. To thank them for my children's future," said Meade. "I don't have any relatives over there, but I really want them to know that we support them and have them in our prayers." Meade said she started writing to the soldiers January 26, with a letter to Marine Brian Caudill...Representatives of local businesses recently participated in a shoplifting prevention program offered by the Prestonsburg Police Department in an effort to curb losses to thieves...An inmate at the Floyd County jail was charged Tuesday, with 21 counts of first degree arson after allegedly setting a fire at the jail late Wednesday night. Eddie Dean Hall, 18, was charged after allegedly setting fire to mattresses and pillows at the jail...There died: Nora Joseph Jones, 83, of Langley, formerly of Hueysville, Thursday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Viola Tackett Bailey, mother of Senator Benny Ray Bailey, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Regina Kathleen

Staup, 66, of Fairborn, Ohio, Saturday, in Greene Memorial Hospital; Ada Hall Martin, 75, of Paxton, formerly of Floyd County, Friday, at Kettering Memorial Hospital; Magalene Lemaster Gilliland, 72, of Langley, Monday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Edgar Childers, 73, of Topmost, Saturday, at his residence; Evelyne Tackett Bentley, 59, of Teaberry, Tuesday, at her residence; Lennie Samons Peters, 95, of Martin, Wednesday, at the Riverview Manor Nursing Home; William Virgil Combs, 83, of East Point, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

## Twenty Years Ago (March 4, 1981)

A fire at a Cliff home owned by Jim Hammond was suspected as an arson case. Investigators are scheduled to inspect the fire scene...Two Chicago men were arrested by Prestonsburg police officers for allegedly selling "speed" or amphetamine drugs. The men said the tablets in question were legal caffeine pills...Juanita Faye Boyd, formerly of this county, was found strangled to death in LaPorte, Indiana this week. Indiana police refused to comment on the case...There died: Mrs. Nellie Whitt, 65, of Garrett; Owen K. Damron, 59, of Harold; Henry Morgan, 89, of Wayland; Ethel Martin, 73, of Mousie; Earl Thornsberry, 69, of Eastern; Roscoe C. Hayes, 87, of Martin; Mrs. Eliza C. Handshoe, 66, of Handshoe; Marken Slone, 65, of McDowell; James T. Niemi, 18, of Garrett; Andrew J. Miller, 81, of Abbott Creek; Dave Triplett, 65, of Mousie; Reverend Frederick Cook, 74, of Prestonsburg; Jerry R. Meade, 73, of West Prestonsburg.

## Thirty Years Ago (March 4, 1971)

The National Steel Corporation has acquired Evans Industries of Kentucky and its associated companies, it was announced last week. Approximately 5,000 tons of 12-inch pipe were being unloaded at Martin this week in

anticipation of the beginning of work next week on the laying of water mains for the Beaver-Elkhorn Water District into both Beaver Creek sections and the area between Allen and Martin...The Supreme Court declined Monday to hear the appeal filed by Appalachian Volunteers Inc., and Volunteers in Service to Americans (VISTA) from this county from the decision of lower federal courts on the status of a Kentucky court injunction against them...The discharge of Dr. Arnold Schecter as director of the Floyd County Comprehensive Health Program was approved last Thursday by the Office of Health Affairs...There died: Lee B. Osborne Jr., of Indianapolis, Ind., formerly of East McDowell, January 27; Johnnie Mullins, 47, of Dema, Thursday, after a long illness; Harlis Conley, 54, of Iselin, N.J., formerly of Garrett, February 20 in Iselin; Lizzie Walters, 82, of Lancer, in a Prestonsburg hospital, Monday; Turner Vance Jr., 48, of Bypro, Tuesday while inspecting a mine at Grethel; Eugene Hall, 27, of Beaver, Thursday in a mining accident at East McDowell; Crockett Branham, 65, of Wheelwright, Wednesday in a Louisville Hospital; James Kidd, 75, of Harold, last Thursday; Miss Goldie Elkins, 68, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday at Mountain Manor Nursing Home.

## Forty Years Ago (March 2, 1961)

The breakthrough from the Blue Grass to the Mountains became reality Saturday as Gov. Bert Combs broke ground near Winchester, to mark the official beginning of the Eastern Kentucky toll road to Campton...Gov. Bert Combs and Highway Commissioner Henry Ward at a meeting with a delegation from here promised, February 27, they would have appraisers here within 10 days to do preliminary right-of-way work on the Big Sandy arm of the Mountain Parkway...Prestonsburg is most anxious to cooperate on improvement projects on which federal assistance is available. Mayor Edward B. Leslie wrote to the regional administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency, last week...Floyd County's Del Stumbo, halfback sensation for Ohio Wesleyan, was the leading ground-gainer among all halfbacks in the 14-college Ohio Conference last season...The body of a Pike County man, Randall May, 27, was recovered from the Big Sandy River near Paintsville, last Sunday, by the Floyd County Emergency & Rescue Squad. A car, May was riding in plunged into the river at Millard, Pike County, last March...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodman, of Lexington, their first child, a son, Robert Irvin Jr., on February 23...There

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## Politics

"If Los Angeles has anything in common with the other big cities, it is prices as high as the buildings.

"Everything is plentiful, but it costs you in a way that easily dwarfs the inflationary cost of living in Kentucky.

"Example: Tomatoes are 35 cents a pound as compared—about now anyway—to 25 cents in Kentucky.

"As one of us said: 'Back home you can do quite a bit with

a five-dollar bill, but out here you need a 10 or 20.'

"Riches and wealth are practically everywhere.

"Driving through Beverly Hills, you can see the homes of famous movie stars familiar to you only on celluloid.

"And no visit to Los Angeles would be complete without seeing Hollywood and Vine, with the premiere-famous Pantages Theater just off a corner (of the streets).

"Like any other tourist, I visited Grauman's Chinese Theater, where many a star has bowed to posterity with their hand-footprints embedded in concrete at the entrance."

I was happy to get back home to Kentucky where the real stars shine in the Heavens.

Back home to me in youthful years was looking up or down a mountainside.

Wherever I lived, I always went back to the highlands and, that fall of 1960, offered a premiere opportunity to return for business and pleasure.

My friend and bon vivant, Sen. Nick Johnson of Harlan, had urged me repeatedly to tell the unusual story of one particular mountaineer performing an anachronistic service. I eventu-

ally followed through and, sure enough, we carried out the plan amid woodlands ablaze with the color of remembrance. Initially, we wound up at La Citadelle Hotel as a rendezvous point on a mountain overlooking Hazard.

We even had a photographer to record the historical significance of one Irvin Pratt, who delivered the U.S. mail by horseback three times a week.

My story dateline was Hindman, but we actually started out on horseback at nearby Pine Top for the nine-mile trip across steep slopes and tricky trails to accompany Pratt. He made the trip, through rain, sleet or snow, as the only postal carrier in existence of its kind, he assured me shyly.

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# Weddings



## Wedding Announcement

Elizabeth Brooke Martin and Brian Paul Bucher were joined in marriage on September 30, 2000, at Cathedral of Christ the King in Lexington, with Rev. William H. Hinds officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Carol Susan Martin, of Versailles. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Betty Francis and the late Hubbard "Huck" Francis, as well as the late Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Martin.

The bride had seven attendants, which included her sister-in-law, Mrs. Erin Burchett, as Matron of Honor, and Miss Kerri Parker, as Maid of Honor. Her bridesmaids were Kitti Morgan, Kelly Parker, Kristie Parker, Whitney Smith, and the bride's cousin, Sarah Vickers.

Serving as flower girl was the bride's niece, Ashley Martin.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Barbara Geiger, of Southgate, and Mr. Ken Bucher, of Ft.

Thomas. He is the grandson of Mrs. Flo Goetz and the late Mr. Raymond Goetz, and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Bucher.

The groom also had seven attendants, which included his brothers, Mr. Andy Bucher and Mr. Kyle Bucher, as Best Men. His groomsmen were Brad Burchett, the bride's brother, Jon Caldwell, Geoff Church, Travis Pond, and Brian Wiefering.

The ushers were the bride's brothers, Paul Burchett, Ben Martin, and Joey Martin.

Serving as ring bearer was the bride's nephew, Aaron Martin.

The couple will reside in Columbus, Mississippi, where the groom is now stationed. Brian is a Lieutenant of the United States Air Force and is completing Undergraduate Pilot Training at Columbus Air Force Base, while Brooke is advancing her education through Mississippi State University.



Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clark, Jr., of Prestonsburg, along with Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Gayheart, Jr., of Eastern, wish to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children: Lola Michelle to Jason Alan. The bride is the paternal granddaughter of the late Ralph and Madge Clark, of Prestonsburg, and the maternal granddaughter of Menifee Patrick and the late Lola Patrick, of Fritz, Kentucky. She is a 1996 graduate of Prestonsburg High School and a 2000 graduate of the University of Kentucky, and is currently employed by Dillard's, Inc. of Lexington. The groom is the paternal grandson of Delcie Gayheart and the late Fletcher Gayheart, of Eastern, and the maternal grandson of Violetta Wright and the later Otis Wright, of Prestonsburg. He is a 1995 graduate of Allen Central High School and a 1999 graduate of Mayo Technical School and is currently employed by Six Stigma, in Louisville.

The wedding will take place at 6 p.m. on March 31, 2001, in First Baptist Church (Irene Cole Memorial) in Prestonsburg. The gracious custom of an open wedding is planned. The couple will reside in Louisville.

## Happy Birthday

### HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY, LAUREN!



Lauren Alexus Carroll turned one year old on February 22. She is the daughter of David and Diane Burke Carroll, of Wheelwright. She is the maternal granddaughter of Lois Burke and the late James H. Burke, of Weeksbury. Her paternal grandparents are Bea Carroll and the late Ernest Carroll, of Olive Hill.

### New Arrivals

#### Highlands Regional Medical Center

► February 5: A son, Andrew Stuart, to Christina and Buddy Harris of Pikeville.

► February 7: A son, Austin Blake, to Angela and Shawn Lantz of Prestonsburg.

► February 8: A son, Gabriel Dewayne, to Charles and Kim May of Tutor Key; a son, Orion Michael, to Charles and Kim May of Tutor Key.

► February 9: A son, Dylan Ray Dalton to Tracy Lynn Chaffins of Garrett; a son, Cameron Blake, to Alicia Shannon and Rickey Slone of Tomahawk.

► February 10: A daughter, Bailey Quinn, to Summer E. and Giles Lovern of Banner; a son, Cameron Luke, to Misty and Steve Mollett of Boons Camp; a son, Charles Shawn Douglas Hamilton, to LaShonda Lovell Bailey of Langley.

► February 12: A son, Christian Gabriel Slone to Amber Walls of Dwale; a son, Brandon Hunter, to April and Tony Rowe of Tomahawk.

► February 13: A daughter, Trinity Jayde Wiley, to Kimberly and Ricky Hardy of Prestonsburg; a son, Timothy Ray Bailey to Shonna and Michael Rose of Prestonsburg.

► February 14: A son, Richard Michael Castle, to Michelle Rawlins of Lomansville; a son, Dylan Douglas Jenkins, to Amanda Faby and Carlos Douglas Jenkins of Denver; a daughter, Gabrielle Rose, to Rosetta and Ryan Johnson of Prestonsburg; a daughter, Kaitlyn Marie, to Tina and Barry Ward of Tomahawk.

► February 15: A son, Tyler Davis, to Jessie Virginia and Todd Matthew Trimble of Staffordsville.

► February 16: A daughter, Cassandra Jordon Howell, to Sherry L. Boyd of Dana; a daughter, Shauntae Paige, to Tonya Sue and Bruce Mollett of Tomahawk.

## Boosters better than belts for kids 40 to 80 pounds, says AAA

Diligent parents that properly restrain infants and toddlers in child safety seats too often skip a step when it comes to properly protecting older children riding in vehicles, says AAA.

"The forgotten step is to buckle children weighing between 40 and 80 pounds into booster seats designed to position adult seat belts correctly and safely around the child," said Lilla Mason, director for AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky Safety Foundation. "Booster seats are better than belts because children who are not large enough to correctly fit an adult-sized seat belt remain at risk of fatal injury from shoulder straps that cut across their necks and lap belts that ride up onto their soft bellies."

AAA joins other safety-minded organizations during National Child Passenger Safety Week, February 11-18, to call attention to the need for increased use of child booster seats.

According to AAA, the easiest way to know when children are large enough for an adult seat belt is to evaluate whether their child can sit with their back straight up against the seat cushion while their knees bend over the seat edge without slouching.

Restraint use for children from age one to four is 91 percent, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. However, restraint use plummets to 69 percent for children age five to 15—and most children aged five to eight are improperly protected with an adult-sized seat belt, instead of a booster.

Booster seats can be obtained at major retailers usually for less than \$60. All booster seats are required to meet federal safety standards, regardless of price.

They make great gifts from grandparents or family friends.

"One of the biggest challenges to using a booster seat is child acceptance," said Lilla Mason.

AAA offers several key tips for choosing and using the right booster seat.

► Try installing a seat in your vehicle before purchasing it. Make sure it fits the vehicle seat and restraint system. From an early age, explain to young children that they will use a booster seat when they are older.

► When it is time to switch to a booster seat, show children how the booster offers them better protection than an adult seat belt.

► Let children help in selecting the seat.

► Make sure the seat fits your child's weight and height.

► Always consult your vehicle owner's manual before purchasing and installing a child safety seat. Most will offer specific instructions and list special equipment needed for proper installation of a child safety seat.

AAA also recommends that all children under age 13 ride in the back seat. "The safest place for a young passenger is in the back seat, properly restrained," said Lilla Mason. "Unless there is no alternative, the back is where it's at."

When there is no other alternative but to place a child over the age of one in the front seat, push the vehicle seat all the way back and make sure the child is safely fastened in the appropriate child safety restraint.

The Blue Grass Auto Club Safety Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization founded by AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky to promote traffic safety in 48 counties in central and eastern Kentucky.

## Yesterday

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died: James Ray Frasure, 25, victim of an accidental gunshot wound at his home on Wilson Creek near Langley, last Wednesday; Mrs. Rosy Coburn, 75, of Garrett, at a Martin hospital, Saturday; Mrs. Martha C. Sawyers, 62, of Hueysville, in Kendallville, Ind., last Thursday; Homer Wicker, 60, of Eastern, last Thursday at a Martin hospital; Allie Branham, 47, at his home at Dock last Wednesday; Mrs. Grace A. Webb, 81, of Allen, last Thursday.

## Fifty Years Ago (March 1, 1951)

Merchandise and equipment valued at \$700 were taken by thieves from the Halbert Brothers Garage at Maytown, early Sunday morning...Operation of the Princess Elkhorn's No. 2 mine at Permele, near David, was at a standstill today (Thursday). A company official said the reason for the work stoppage is not known...With Gordie Young, assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction, sitting in on a joint meeting of the Floyd County and Prestonsburg Boards of Education Tuesday night, construction of a county high school building here is believed to have moved up a step toward reality...Selective Board No. 25 is having 18-year-old troubles of another kind. Instead of protesting the possibility of military service, numerous youths are registering as aged 18 before attaining their 18th birthday...Secretary of State George Glenn Hatcher, native of this county, announced Tuesday night he will seek the Democratic nomination for State Auditor...A sensation on the University of Utah freshman basketball team this year, "Set" Branham, former Prestonsburg High School star athlete, is matching his grid performances with his play on the Ute basketball team...At the Martin Theatre, "Pagan Love Song" with Esther Williams and Howard Keel; at the Abigail Theatre here, "Never a Dull Moment" with Irene Dunne and Fred McMurray...Three Ashland men were killed in one of the worst wrecks in the county's history Saturday afternoon at Ball Alley...They are Floyd Mullins, 23, James Clayton Perry, 18, and Stanley Robbins, 23...There died: Abraham L. Compton, 75, at Allen Saturday night; Ike McGuire, 83, Saturday at her home of a daughter, Mrs. Albert Laferty, of Allen; Thomas Sherman Ratliff, 78, Saturday at Allen following a long illness; Miss Martha Sammons, 85, Monday at her home at Ball Alley; Mrs. Ollie Hamilton, 84, last Wednesday at her home at Galveston; Jerry W. Allen, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.K. Allen, at Betsy Layne last Wednesday; Mrs. Polly Pitts Arnett, fatally shot at Royalton last Tuesday; Mrs. Polly Allen, 90, Tuesday at Hueysville; Charles Herbert Hale, 61, at his home in West Prestonsburg, Wednesday.

## Sixty Years Ago (February 27, 1941)

Plans of the Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company provide for the completion of 90 gas wells in Floyd, Knott and Pike counties this year, a company official told THE TIMES Wednesday...Immediate help from the Works Progress Administration for approximately 250 unemployed miners at Garrett and Wayland was asked this week by the Floyd Fiscal Court...Eastern Kentucky's oldest family in the legal profession had its day in court here Saturday. Walter Scott Harkins III, a representative of the fifth generation of Harkins who have begun the practice of law in the Floyd Circuit Court, was formally introduced to the court by his brother, J.D. Harkins Jr. And the presiding judge was his father, J.D. Harkins, Sr., special judge during the February term of court...On the basis of games won and lost, Garrett ranks as the favorite to win the 59th district basketball tournament which starts at McDowell High School, March 6, Clive Akers, McDowell coach, said this week...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dingus, of Martin, a son...There died: Dow Clarke, 45, Auxier miner, Saturday after being crushed beneath a slatefall in the mines of the North-East Coal Company at Auxier; Mrs. Martha Jane Lambert, 57, Feb. 17 at Wheelwright; Mrs. Mary Hatcher Butcher, 84, of Boldman, last Wednesday at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Mrs. Elizabeth Stumbo, 64, of Harold, last Thursday at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; John Oglesby, 42, of Weeksbury, Wednesday at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital, Lackey.

# PROCLAMATION NATIONAL READING WEEK, 2001

Prestonsburg Elementary Principal Gwen Hale-Frazier, Media-Technician Martin Dawson and students from the school, met for an official

proclamation signing declaring the week of February 26 through March 2 as "National Reading Week." The National Education Association recog-

nizes "Read Across America Day" on March 2, in honor of the birthdate of Dr. Theodore Giesel, affectionately known by young and old alike as "Dr.

Seuss." Area schools all have plans to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday on Friday, March 2 with special readings, meals of "green eggs and ham", the

wearing of signature "Cat in the Hat" hats, and other related activities. Parents are invited and encouraged to visit their child's school on this special day.

Following is the proclamation that was presented to Mayor Fannin for his signature:

WHEREAS, Books were scattered all about and were not in use. Kids needed to pick them up. Read them and honor Dr. Seuss, and,

WHEREAS, Mayor of Prestonsburg, in the county of Floyd,

It is part of my job to fill this literary void, and,

WHEREAS, This week must not be like the rest, It must not be the same!

WHEREAS, Mayor of this Burg I will...Proclaim! Proclaim!! Proclaim!!!

To honor reading, books, and Seuss, I will now speak,

"Hereto, Forthwith and all that stuff...It's National Reading Week!"

Starting with March, day

Two, People will know just what to do!

It will be easy for them, indeed, They will read and read and read!!!

Read in the morning or in the afternoon,

Read by the bridge, or near a blue lagoon,

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Read a book standing on your head, turning the pages with your feet,

Books can take you anywhere that you think to go.

To Mars, to Venus, or with polar bears in the snow.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Jerry Fannin, the Mayor of this town,

"Proclaim...pick up a book, read it, and do not put it down!"

So, as I sign this paper, A Proclamation I have fixed,

Signed in the City of Prestonsburg,

This day February Twenty-Six!

Author: Dedra Gearheart



## Politics

Five of us on horseback went along with the 56-year-old Pratt, a former coal miner and now disabled. He had taken over the route five years earlier at a salary of \$88.37 a month. "It's an accommodation for the people," said Pratt, who delivered mail to more than 30 families living in the back country away from highways.

Overall, Pratt spent about six hours riding from Pippa Passes—home of the famous Caney Junior College founded by Alice Lloyd—then return to Pine Top. Rain beat down steadily that day, but we had brought along slickers—a la the Jesse James Gang.

Now and then, a horse slipped and almost fell with its rider, but they were just close shaves, as we say.

One of Pratt's first stops was his own home, where he talked briefly with his wife and daughter.

The first half of the trip required three hours and fifteen minutes of riding along narrow passageways.

Heading the group—for prestige purposes—

was an accomplished horseman who rode as a hobby. He was Col. W.J. Stiteler Jr., 63-year-old president of the Coal Operators Casualty Co., Rockwood, Pennsylvania. He had shipped his nine-year-old purebred American saddle-horse to this area, especially for the mail route ride, one ride of many for him. Afterwards, he said the journey was "as dangerous and rugged as any I've been on in 40 years as a horseman."

My part of the escapade ended at Pippa Passes, deep in the heart of the Cumberlands. Time was running out to file a story—and, truthfully—I did not want to go horseborne over the nine miles back to the departure point.

After goodbyes, Pratt rode off—not into the sunset—toward Pine Top on his six-year-old horse, called Nell, as he was heading next door to visit neighbors.

The rain still pounded down—but it did not dampen our spirits.

Mountains...boyhood memories...causes. Any newspaperman worth his salt (meager

salary) always wedded himself to a personal cause, noble or ignoble, as the case may be. My primary raison d'être was an abiding respect for the environment—whether trees, waterways, rivers, a watchful eye on the strip-mining of coal—generally, let's don't foul our nest and, instead, preserve God's handiwork to the best of our ability while enjoying its bountiful gifts.

Of especial interest was the preservation of virgin timber, some of which still stood on mountain tracts of land—some survivors almost 300 years old.

The larger tracts, as determined by the State Division of Forestry, included 450 acres owned privately in McCreary County; 400 acres owned by the heirs of Lilly Cornett in Letcher County (a place I visited for a story); and 190 acres in The Cumberland/Daniel Boone National Forest in Laurel County.

When pioneers began establishing homesteads more than 200 years ago, some 25 million acres of virgin timber covered about the entire land area of Kentucky. In the ensuing

years, timber was cut for fuel, iron processing plants, farm land and logging, without regard for regeneration. By 1910, roughly half of the virgin timber had been cut, but large scale operations persisted through 1920.

Lilly Cornett, who died in the late 1950s, bought his 400 acres many years previously from "Fightin' George" Isom, a North Carolina homesteader who settled on 1,000 acres at property in the Skyline community of Letcher County. Cornett paid \$5,000 for the tract, which by contemporary standards was valued at sums ranging up to \$75,000 because of its white oak, poplar, walnut and other species.

Cornett was reputedly a frugal man who knew how to make money—and who turned down many inviting offers for his timber. In fact, as the story went, Cornett would fly into a rage at the mere mention of cutting his trees.

Much of the timberlands have since been preserved for the purpose of science, research and education.

Sad to say, a dying breed (such as Cornett) is dead forever.

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### U.S. GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE SALE

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2001 AT 1:00 PM  
 AT THE SITE OF THE BELOW DESCRIBED PROPERTY  
 OF A HOUSE AND LOT  
 LOCATED AT MINING BRANCH ROAD  
 NEAR PRESTONBURG, IN FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY



This is a three bedroom wood siding home on public water and private sewer. It is well located in a quite neighborhood. It consists of a living room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath and a laundry nook. This property is considered suitable for the Rural Development Program. This would be an excellent buy for an investor interested in rental property or for resale after minor repairs.

The minimum acceptable bid for this property is \$9,380.00.  
 Payment of the current year's property taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, March 1, 2001, at 1:00 p.m., at the property site, at Mining Branch Road, near Prestonsburg, in Floyd County, Kentucky, in order to raise the sum of \$25,250.79 principal, together with interest credit subsidy granted in the amount of \$45,276.71, plus interest in the amount of \$6,943.04 as of June 26, 2000, and interest thereafter on the principal at \$7.4257 per day from June 26, 2000, until the date of judgement, plus interest on the judgement amount (principal plus interest to the date of judgment) at the rate of 6.052% computed daily and compounded annually, until paid in full and for the costs of this action, pursuant to judgement and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 00-208, on the Pikeville Docket of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on December 6, 2000, in the case of United States of America vs. Martin E. Meeks, ET AL, the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:  
 A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being on Mining Branch Road of Water Gap, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the corner of Lizzie Wallen line and Mining Camp Branch Road and running up road 150 feet to a stake corner to L & F Development Company, thence running up hill with L & F Development Company 70 feet to a stake; thence running back toward Lizzie Wallen line 150 feet to a stake corner to Lizzie Wallen; thence running with Lizzie Wallen line 77 feet back to beginning.  
 Being the same property conveyed by Deed dated June 22, 1983, recorded in Deed Book 276, Page 423, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.  
**TERMS OF SALE:** Ten percent (10%) of the bid price (in the form of a Certified Check made payable to the U. S. Marshal) on the day of sale with good and sufficient bond for the balance bearing interest at the rate of 6.052% per annum until paid, due and payable in thirty (30) days and said bond having the effect of a judgement. Upon a default by the Purchaser, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the U. S. Marshal as a part of the proceeds of the sale, and the property shall again be offered for sale subject to confirmation by the Court.  
 This sale shall be in bar and foreclosure of all right, title, interest, estate claim, demand or equity of redemption of the defendant(s), and of all persons claiming by, through, under or against them, provided the purchase price is equal to two-thirds of the appraised value. If the purchase price is not equal to two-thirds of the appraised value, the Deed shall contain a lien in favor of the defendant(s), reflecting the right of the defendant(s) to redeem during the period provided by law (KRS 426.530). Under law, the purchaser is deemed to be on notice of all matters affecting the property of record in the local County Clerk's Office. Inquiries should be directed to:  
 THOMAS W. KEETH, Community Development Manager  
 Rural Development  
 Prestonsburg, Kentucky  
 Phone: 806-886-9545

## WKYT rolls out My-Cast™ personal weather service

WKYT recently announced the availability of My-Cast, a web-based personal weather service, on www.wkyt.com. My-Cast will give consumers the ability to personalize their weather forecasts, as well as choose when and how they receive it.

"Our viewers are demanding the highly specific weather information that only My-Cast can provide," said Glen Hale, regional new media Director at WKYT. "My-Cast technology provides a level of accuracy and personalization never before seen—a service we think our consumers will find indispensable."

Here's how it works: Using government weather data and proprietary computer models, My-Cast will deliver—via the web or email—pinpoint personal forecasts updated every three hours within a three-mile radius. This speed and precision will provide true neighborhood-scale weather updates around the clock, with a degree of accuracy and personalization never before seen. National Weather Service forecasts are updated only twice a day within a 25-mile grid. Subscribers will soon be able

to access these personal weather forecasts via cellular phones, pagers and handheld computers.

WKYT will feature My-Cast on www.wkyt.com and 27NEWSFIRST as an integral part of their interactive weather offerings. While users will have direct access to My-Cast's neighborhood-style weather forecasts, WKYT weather professionals will also use My-Cast weather data to provide more timely and precise daily weather forecasts on 27NEWSFIRST.

"As a personal weather navigator, My-Cast gives WKYT what their viewers are demanding—personalized, accurate weather forecasts," said Paul Douglas, CEO and

co-founder of Digital Cyclone, the company that created My-Cast. "We are excited that we can help WKYT offer My-Cast to the people of central and eastern Kentucky."

While the forecast resolution and accuracy will be highest in the 27NEWSFIRST viewing area, My-Cast forecasts for other areas will still have twice the resolution than national weather models, updated four times more often. My-Cast pinpoint forecasts on an 11-mile grid for most of the United States, with pockets of high-resolution (four-mile grid) coverage over most metropolitan areas.

When registering for My-Cast on www.wkyt.com, consumers can customize a neigh-

borhood-level forecast, including temperature, precipitation, wind and humidity, tailored to individual lifestyles and hobbies. Long-range forecasts also are included, and can be accessed when traveling for business or planning vacations. Severe weather alerts are issued immediately.

"All of us have different interests, hobbies and lifestyles," said Glen Hale, regional new media director at WKYT. My-Cast will tailor precise forecasts to each user's needs. Users can set up a My-Cast page that combines information on their daily activities with the relevant locations. It's all about providing the information people want, when they want it."

## USDA announces \$51 million for housing loans and grants

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced the availability of \$43 million in competitive loans and grants for the construction of approximately 420 off-farm rental housing

units for farm workers and the availability of \$8 million in competitive grants to non-profit organizations and public bodies to assist more than 2,000, very low- and low-income rural

homeowners to repair and rehabilitate their homes or rental housing.

This year's farm worker housing funding will be available to broad-based nonprofit organizations, nonprofit organizations of farm workers, federally recognized Indian tribes, state and local governments, and public agencies (such as public housing authorities). April 25, is the deadline for submitting applications for funding.

Housing preservation grant funds are awarded to qualified public agencies, private nonprofit organizations, and other eligible entries, which will leverage the USDA grant funds with private and state and local funds to further extend the housing repair assistance into their local community. The deadline for submitting grant applications is March 26.

Further information regarding these programs and the applications process can be obtained by visiting USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/>, <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/> or contacting any USDA Rural Development state office.

## Bob Evans Farm partners with National Restaurant Association to offer employee scholarships

Bob Evans Farms employees have the opportunity to earn scholarships of up to \$4,000—thanks to a new partnership between the company and the National Restaurant Association Education Foundation (NRAEF). The scholarships will be awarded to eligible employees who desire to continue their education in food service-related fields.

Scholarship recipients are selected from applicants who are high school seniors or attending college, and have maintained a grade point average of 2.75 or higher, fulfilled the minimum hour requirements of food service work experience and submitted a letter of recommendation. The NRAEF awards scholarships valued at \$2,000. Bob Evans Farms will match the award

presented to any of its employees who meet the criteria and are selected to receive the more than 300 NRAEF scholarships available each year.

"It is important for us to join forces with the National Restaurant Association on this scholarship program," said Senior Vice President of Restaurant Operations Rinzy Nocero. "As the industry continues to grow, we need to make more and more people aware of the opportunities in the restaurant industry. This is an excellent way to do that."

Applications for the scholarships are submitted directly to the National Restaurant Association and can be completed electronically at [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com). All appli-

cation evaluation and judging for the scholarship is done by the association's educational foundation. Additional information about the scholarships can be found at [www.edfound.org](http://www.edfound.org), the Web site for NRAEF.

Bob Evans Farms Inc. currently owns and operates 455 full-service, family restaurants, principally in the East, North Central, mid-Atlantic and Southern United States, as well as Texas. The company also is a leading producer of food products under the Bob Evans and Owens Country Sausage brand names.

For more information about Bob Evans Farms Inc., visit the company's web site at [www.bobevans.com](http://www.bobevans.com).

### U.S. GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE SALE

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2001 AT 1:00 PM  
 AT THE SITE OF THE BELOW DESCRIBED PROPERTY  
 HOUSE AND LOT  
 LOCATED AT MEADE BRANCH OF ABBOTT CREEK  
 NEAR PRESTONBURG - IN FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY



This is a three bedroom vinyl siding home on public water and private sewer. It is well located in a quite neighborhood. It consists of a living room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and a laundry room. This property is considered suitable for the Rural Development Program. This would be an excellent buy for an investor interested in rental property or for resale after minor repairs.

The minimum acceptable bid for this property is \$ 22,150.00.  
 Payment of the current year's property taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, March 15, 2001, at 1:00 P.M. at the site, at Meade Branch of Abbott Creek, near Prestonsburg, in Floyd County, Kentucky, in order to raise the sum of \$62,828.18 principal, together with interest credit subsidy granted in the amount of \$936.00, plus interest in the amount of \$8,011.80 as of March 20, 2000, and interest thereafter on the principal at \$11.4598 per day from March 20, 2000, until the date of judgement, plus interest on the judgement amount (principal plus interest to the date of judgment) at the rate of 6.375% computed daily and compounded annually, until paid in full and for the costs of this action, pursuant to judgement and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 00-62, on the Pikeville Docket of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on August 10, 2000, in the case of United States of America vs. Phillip L. Chaffins and Alice Chaffins, the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:  
 A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Meade Branch of Abbott Creek and which is more particularly described as follows:  
 Beginning at an iron pin (set), being a corner to Hobert Holbrook, thence running with the Holbrook line N 48° 23' 24" E, 76.46' 2" 4" dogwood, thence continuing with the Holbrook line S 41° 16' 06" E, 96.95' to an iron pin (set), thence S 30° 43' 01" W, 106.01' to an iron pin (set) near the county road, thence running parallel with the county road N 30° 36' 05" W, 131.56' to the point of beginning. The above described lot contains 0.2255 acres as determined by survey.  
 Being the same property conveyed by Deed dated April 22, 1996, recorded in Deed Book 394, Page 476, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.  
**TERMS OF SALE:** Ten percent (10%) of the bid price (in the form of a Certified Check made payable to the U. S. Marshal) on the day of sale with good and sufficient bond for the balance bearing interest at the rate of 6.375% per annum until paid, due and payable in thirty (30) days and said bond having the effect of a judgement. Upon a default by the Purchaser, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the U. S. Marshal as a part of the proceeds of the sale, and the property shall again be offered for sale subject to confirmation by the Court.  
 This sale shall be in bar and foreclosure of all right, title, interest, estate claim, demand or equity of redemption of the defendant(s) and of all persons claiming by, through, under or against them, provided the purchase price is equal to two-thirds of the appraised value. If the purchase price is not equal to two-thirds of the appraised value, the Deed shall contain a lien in favor of the defendant(s) reflecting the right of the defendant to redeem during the period provided by law (KRS 426.530). Under law, the purchaser is deemed to be on notice of all matters affecting the property of record in the local County Clerk's Office. Inquiries should be directed to:  
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## Kentucky crafted: The market 2001, included in Southeast Tourism

**Society's top 20 events**  
 Kentucky Crafted: The Market 2001, has been selected as one of the Southeast Tourism Society's Top 20 events for the months of March/April 2001. The Southeast Tourism Society is a non-profit organization whose goals and objectives are to develop, market, and promote travel to and within the Southeastern states. The quarterly publication of the Top 20 Events provides the readers and viewers of more than 400 newspapers, magazines, radio and television stations with the most exciting attractions and events in the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

Kentucky Crafted: The Market 2001, was nominated for the award by the Kentucky Department of Travel. Representatives from the Department, which serves as the state's tourism marketing agency, will be available at The Market to answer questions about travel in Kentucky, as well as to distribute informational brochures. Bob Stewart, the Commissioner on Travel, says, "We were pleased to nominate Kentucky Crafted: The Market 2001, to be a Southeastern Tourism Society

Top 20 event again. We are proud of the artists and of the heritage that The Market showcases. The designations as a Top 20 Event is well deserved; this is the place to see all the best of Kentucky in just two days."

Events nominated to be a Top 20 event are reviewed by a panel of independent judges. Events are judged on uniqueness, growth, community involvement, and corporate sponsorship. According to Top 20 Program Coordinator Stephanie Brown-Newton, "The judges are looking for events that are really unique to a specific region or to the South."

Kentucky Crafted: The Market 2001, is scheduled for March 3 and 4. The Market features Kentucky contemporary and traditional crafts, musical recordings, two-dimensional visual art, books and food products for the wholesale and retail trade. This year, The Market has expanded its craft section and invited juried guests from several surrounding state craft organizations, in addition to offering the best of Kentucky. These guest craft exhibitors represent Ohio Designer Craftsmen, Southern Highland Craft Guild and the Tennessee Association of Craft Artists. Kentucky Craft Marketing Program Director Fran

Redmon is pleased with the growth that The Market has experienced in recent years, and expects The Market 2001 to be more successful than ever. "Last year's Market saw record-breaking crowds, with nearly 400 retail shops and 13,500 public attendees," she says. "The March show dates will be even more convenient for the trade; we anticipate an even bigger show. Kentucky still holds the distinction of being one of the few states in the country to sponsor a wholesale/retail show for its craft businesses. A primary activity of our Program is to serve as a major sales outlet for Kentucky businesses and generate 2 to 3 million dollars in sales, annually."

The Market opens to the public from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, South Wing B, in Louisville. Admission is

\$6.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children (ages 6-12). Admission is free for children under 6. For a \$1.00 off coupon on adult admission, visit the Kentucky Craft Marketing Program website: [www.kycraft.org](http://www.kycraft.org). Parking is \$3.00. Free shuttle transportation from the parking lot will be provided.

The Market is produced by the Kentucky Craft Marketing Program, a state agency in the Kentucky Arts Council, Education, Arts & Humanities Cabinet, Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Market's Gold Sponsor for 2001 is Powertel, and media sponsors include WAVE 3-TV, WPKY Public Radio and Metro Traffic Radio. For more information, call 888 KY CRAFT (592-7238), ext. 4801. A copy of the Official Market Program, including floor plan, exhibitors, and schedule of events is available at [www.kycraft.org](http://www.kycraft.org).

## USDA announces change to housing repair program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced the relaxing of mortgage security requirements on repair loans to very low-income

homeowners. This change will open the opportunity for more very low-income homeowners to improve living standards by repairing leaky roofs, installing more energy efficient materials, or correcting basic structural problems.

USDA's Rural Housing Service Single Family Housing repair loan program previously required mortgage security on any loan exceeding \$2,500. The change, which became effective December 27, 2000, through Public Law 106-569, allows applicants to receive assistance with only a promissory note on loans up to \$7,500. Mortgage securities will only be required on loans exceeding \$7,500.

Loans are available for general repairs to improve or modernize homes, remove health and safety hazards, and increase adaptability for households with persons with disabilities. Loans can be made for amounts up to \$20,000, a maximum of 20 years repayment period, and at an interest rate of one percent annually. Individuals 62 years or older may qualify for a grant in cases where an individual lacks the financial ability to repay a Section 504 loan.

In Kentucky, information on USDA's home repair loan and grant program is available by contacting the Prestonsburg Local Office at (606) 886-9545. Further information can also be obtained by visiting USDA Rural Development's web site at: [www.usda.rurdev.rhs/](http://www.usda.rurdev.rhs/) or by calling (202) 720-1474.

## Progress Coal Company wins Bradbury safety award

Progress Coal Company Inc., of Madison, West Virginia, is the winner of the 2000 Raymond A. Bradbury Safety Award. National Mining Association President Jack Gerard and Ben Hatfield announced the award winner on Tuesday, February 20, at Massey Energy's annual safety awards ceremony in Charleston, West Virginia. Gerard delivered the ceremony's keynote address. Hatfield is executive vice president and chief operating officer of Massey Energy.

Established in 1993, the Bradbury Safety Award is presented each year to the Massey Energy subsidiary that has achieved the best safety performance record. Among those attending this year's award ceremony were: Raymond Bradbury, former president of Martin County Coal Corporation, and the award's namesake; E. Morgan Massey, president of Egan Energy and retired chairman of A.T. Massey Coal Company Inc.; James "Buck" Hatless, CEO of International Industries; Bill Raney, president of the West Virginia Coal Association; Don Blankenship, chairman, CEO, and president of Massey Energy; and officials of state and federal mining agencies.

Progress Coal Company achieved a Non-Fatal Days Lost (NFDL) incidence rate of 0.69 for fiscal year 2000. This means the company experienced less than one lost-time injury for every 200,000 hours worked. The U.S. coal industry's NFDL rate for the period January 1, 2000 through September 30, 2000, was 5.44. The NFDL rate for all Massey Energy operations during fiscal year 2000 was 2.45.

"There is no greater honor among Massey Energy companies than winning the Bradbury

Award. And, winning it is a tough assignment," said Drexel Short, senior vice president of group operations for Massey Energy, and chairman of Massey Energy's safety development group. "The winning members not only have to comply with regulatory agency safety rules, but must also meet Massey Energy's stringent safety standards—which in many cases are stricter than federal and state requirements. I congratulate the members of Progress Coal. Their exemplary performance proves working safely is the top priority for everyone there," Short said.

"Members at Progress are sincere and conscientious in their desire to ensure a safe work place," said Jim Gay, president of Progress Coal Company. "During fiscal year 2000, our team members worked 575,920 hours and produced more than 4.3 million tons of coal, while incurring only two lost-time accidents. We certainly recognize that two accidents are too many. However, I think it is an impressive accomplishment, especially considering the large size and complexity of the sur-

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Applications are available at the Floyd County Health Department in Prestonsburg. Applications must be completed in their entirety. Complete applications must be returned to the Floyd County Health Department by 4:30 p.m., March 2, 2001.  
For more information regarding this position, please call the Floyd County Health Department at 606-886-2788.  
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**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE PHASE III**

In accordance with the provisions of 405KAR 10:040, notice is hereby given that Coal-Mac, Inc., P.O. Box 436, Williamson, WV 25661. Intends to apply for a bond release on Permit Number 836-0225 Inc., 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12 and 15 which was last issued on 8-2-91. The application covers an area of approximately 388.52 acres located 1 mile northeast of Wayland in Floyd County.

The permit is approximately 1-mile northeast from KY 1086's junction with KY 7 and located 0.2 miles east of Martin's Branch. The Latitude is 37°27'45". The Longitude is 82°47'30". The total bond now in effect is surety bonds for Inc. 1 \$67,200, Inc. 2 \$8,200, Inc. 3 \$54,100, Inc. 4 \$34,400, Inc. 5 \$64,900, Inc. 6 \$33,700, Inc. 7 \$36,300, Inc. 9 \$41,600, Inc. 10 \$32,700, Inc. 11 \$48,800, Inc. 12 \$37,200, Inc. 15 \$31,200 of which 100% is to be released, which would constitute a phase III release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes backfilling, final grading, seeding, and mulching completed in January 1995. Results achieved include growth of vegetation as per the revegetation plan and the establishment of the post mining land use.

Written comments, objections requests for a public hearing must be filed with the Director of the Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601, by 30 days from the last advertisement, which will be March 30, 2001.

A public hearing has been scheduled for April 3, 2001 at the Department of Surface Mining Reclamation Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 at 9:00 a.m.

The hearing will be canceled if the Department does not receive any public request within the time frame stated above.

This is the final advertisement of the application: all comments, objection and/or request for a permit public hearing must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for a Phase I bond release on Increment No. 5, 10, 12 & 13 of permit number 836-0261 which was last issued on December 19, 2000. The application covers an area of approximately 116.04 acres located 0.75 miles north of Prestonsburg in Floyd County.

The permit is approximately 0.75 miles northwest from KY 3's junction with KY 1428, and located 0.1 miles east of Levisa Fork of Big Sandy River. The latitude is 37°41'00". The longitude is 82°45'13".

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 5 of Permit number 836-0261 is a surety bond in the amount of twenty five thousand four hundred dollars (25,400.00). Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond amount of twenty five thousand four hundred dollars (\$25,400.00) is included in this application for

release. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 10 of Permit number 836-0261 is a surety bond in the amount of one hundred five thousand nine hundred dollars (\$105,900.00). Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond amount of one hundred five thousand nine hundred dollars (\$105,900.00) is included in this application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 12 of Permit number 836-0261 is a surety bond in the amount of twenty three thousand five hundred dollars (\$23,500.00). Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond amount of twenty three thousand five hundred dollars (\$23,500.00) is included in this application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 13 of Permit number 836-0261 is a surety bond in the amount of one hundred sixty thousand nine hundred dollars (\$160,900.00). Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond amount of one hundred sixty thousand nine hundred dollars (\$160,900.00) is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching completed in February of 2000. The established of the approved post-mine land use has been achieved.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by April 13, 2001.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for April 16, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office located at 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 13, 2001.

This is the final advertisement of the application. Written comments, objections, and request for a public or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by April 13, 2001.

**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE PHASE III**

In accordance with the provisions of 405KAR 10:040, notice is hereby given that Coal-Mac, Inc. P.O. Box 436, Williamson, WV 25661. Intends to apply for a bond release on Permit Number 836-5156 which was last issued on 2-3-1988. The application covers an area of approximately 4.18 acres located 1.20 miles southeast of Alvin in Floyd County.

The permit is approximately 1.20 miles southeast from KY 194's junction with KY 1428 and located 0.30 miles south of Cow Creek. The Latitude is 37°38'07". The Longitude is 84°41'07".

The total bond now in effect is a surety bond for \$9,700 of which 100% is to be released, which would constitute a phase III release. Reclamation work thus far performed includes backfilling, final grading, seeding, mulching completed in November

1994. Results achieved include the establishment of the post mining land use.

Written comments, objections, request for a public hearing must be filed with the Director of the Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601, by 30 days from the last advertisement, which will be April 1, 2001.

A public hearing has been scheduled for April 3, 2001 at the Department of Surface Mining Reclamation Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 at 9:00 a.m.

The hearing will be canceled if the Department does not receive any public request within the time frame stated above.

This is the final advertisement of the application: all comments, objections and/or request for a permit public hearing must be within thirty (30) days of today's date.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 836-8028, Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Bull Creek Coal Corporation, 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501, has applied for a renewal of a permit for a loading, crusher, refuse disposal, coal processing facility affecting 18.16 acres located 0.5 miles south of Lancer in Floyd County.

The operation is located approximately 1.8 miles north from U.S. 23's junction with KY. St. Rt. 302, and located 0.6 miles east of Bull Creek. The longitude is 82°43'55". The latitude is 37°39'42".

The operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by Bull Creek Coal Corporation, Paul P. and Sharon C. Burchett.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3410 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application: all comments, objections, or requests for permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 836-9021, Renewal No. 2

In accordance with KRS 350.055 notice is hereby given that N.F.C. Mining, Inc., 432 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, 41653, has applied for renewal of a permit for a coal refuse disposal facility affecting 14.98 acres located 1 mile east of Lancer in Floyd County.

The facility is approximately 0.5 mile southeast from State Route 1428's junction with State Route 3 and located 0.1 mile northeast of the Big Branch. The latitude is 37° 41' 00". The longitude is 82° 43' 07". The operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7.2 minute quadrangle map. The

surface area is owned by N.F.C. Mining, Inc.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

**NOTICE (OF FINAL SETTLEMENT)**

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following settlements of estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said settlements must do so on or before March 30, 2001, at 9:00 a.m.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	00-P-00112	Galen Slone	Ray Slone	01/26/01
Final	00-P-00347	Nola Akers	Wesley Boyd	01/30/01
Final	99-P-00204	William Gary Parsons	Donna Parsons Hall	01/31/01
Final	96-P-00257	Amos Garrett	Gary Garrett	02/08/01
Final	99-P-00207	Audrey Garrett	Gary Garrett	02/08/01
Final	99-P-00061	Lilly Hood	Marvella Hood	02/09/01
Final	00-P-00241	Charles Evans Centers	Charles E. Centers, Jr.	02/08/01
Final	99-P-00276	Vonda Vanderpool	Lisa Watkins	02/08/01
Final	99-P-00019	Randell Lawson	Loene Lawson	02/08/01
Final	00-P-00155	Virgil Marshall	Nancy E. Campbell and Libby Baldrige	02/07/01
Final	97-P-00313	Mollie A. Prater	Dallas S. Prater	02/19/01
Final	99-P-00043	Burieta Spradlin	Barbara S. Rice	02/21/01

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All persons indebted to an estate should settle with the fiduciary within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
01/25/01	01-P-00038	Mary E. Clark P.O. Box 448 Betsy Layne, KY 41605	James A. Clark P.O. Box 448 Betsy Layne, KY 41605	Anthony Craig Davis P.O. Box 220 Betsy Layne, KY 41605
01/25/01	01-P-00039	Ted Salisbury Martin, KY 41649	Clara Marks 116 Endicott Rd. Bloomfield, MI 48304	Jim Webb 187 E. Court St. Prestonsburg, KY 41653
01/26/01	01-P-00040	Fred K. Marshall 234 Front Langley, KY 41647	Doug Marshall 1324 Beulah Park Lexington, KY 40517	Barkley J. Sturgill P.O. Box 3370 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
01/26/01	01-P-00041	Orbie Counts 164 Main St. Bypro, KY 41612	Donna Counts Johnson 10055 Cherokee Taylor, MI 48180	Barkley J. Sturgill P.O. Box 3370 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
01/26/01	01-P-00042	Wayne Davis Box 545 Allen, KY 41601	Mary Maycel Davis Box 545 Allen, KY 41601	
01/29/01	01-P-00044	Olive Paige Mullins P.O. Box 273 Hi Hat, KY 41636	Claude H. Mullins P.O. Box 273 Hi Hat, KY 41636	
01/29/01	01-P-00045	Edward Lee Blankenship Box 953, Ky. Rt. 3380 Teaberry, KY 41660	Ida F. Blankenship Box 953, Ky. Rt. 3380 Teaberry, KY 41660	Dan Rowland P.O. Box 996 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
01/29/01	01-P-00046	Carl Steele 443 George Rd. Betsy Layne, KY 41605	Mablenin Steele 443 George Rd. Betsy Layne, KY 41605	
01/30/01	01-P-00047	James M. Crisp P.O. Box 33 Martin, KY 41649	Hattie Lou Crisp P.O. Box 33 Martin, KY 41649	
01/30/01	01-P-00048	Virginia Castle 391 Maple St. Langley, KY 41645	Debbie Stumbo 393 Maple St. Langley, KY 41645	Jim Webb 187 E. Court St. Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02/02/01	01-P-00052	Jimmie E. Lawson McDowell, KY 41647	Patricia Cieslak Box 2154 McDowell, KY 41647	
02/02/01	01-P-00053	Michael L. Shepherd 454 Station Br. Rd. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	James L. Shepherd, Guardian 454 Station Br. Rd. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	B.D. Nunnery P.O. Box 511 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02/05/01	01-P-00054	Phynetta Newsome P.O. Box 130 McDowell, KY 41647	Daniel Newsome P.O. Box 130 McDowell, KY 41647	
02/06/01	01-P-00055	Bobby Roger Stacy P.O. Box 209 Garrett, KY 41630	Bernadine Stacy P.O. Box 209 Garrett, KY 41630	
02/06/01	01-P-00056	Christopher Hall 105 Spears Br. Pikeville, KY 41501	Lora Collins, Guardian 105 Spears Br. Pikeville, KY 41501	Martin L. Osborne P.O. Box 3370 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02/06/01	01-P-00057	Brittany Hall 105 Spears Br. Pikeville, KY 41501	Lora Collins, Guardian 105 Spears Br. Pikeville, KY 41501	Martin L. Osborne P.O. Box 3370 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02/06/01	01-P-00058	Laken Nichole Hall 105 Spears Br. Pikeville, KY 41501	Lora Collins, Guardian 105 Spears Br. Pikeville, KY 41501	Martin L. Osborne P.O. Box 3370 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02/06/01	01-P-00059	Billy Joe Stanley Toler Creek Harold, KY 41635	Tammy Shaver 4654 County Rd. 183 Clyde, OH 43410	Anthony Craig Davis P.O. Box 200 Betsy Layne, KY 41605
02/06/01	01-P-00060	Chalmer Blevins 34 Mays Br. Rd. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Mary E. Blevins 34 Mays Br. Rd. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	William S. Kendrick P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02/06/01	01-P-00061	Belvey Newsome 171 Hi Hat, KY 41636	Violet McKinney 45 Upper Burton Bypro, KY 41612	
02/06/01	01-P-00062	Gary T. Allen 136 Left Fk. Spradlin Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Shirley Thompson P.O. Box 192 Melvin, KY 41650	
02/07/01	01-P-00064	Ty Blankenship P.O. Box 76 Melvin, KY 41650	Sandy Tackett 1010 Shadowridge Dr. Elsmere, KY 41018-4019	John C. Collins P.O. Box 475 Salyersville, KY 41465
02/12/01	01-P-00067	Andy Jerry Hatfield 39 Rt. Fork Big Br. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Betty A. Hatfield 39 Right Fork Big Br. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
02/13/01	01-P-00068	Hillard Akers Box 63 Bevinsville, KY 41606	Billy Reed 1000 Rileys Br. Bevinsville, KY 41606	
02/13/01	01-P-00069	Glo Turner Osborne Drift, KY 41619	Scott Osborne 12555 Strathmore Loop Fl. Myers, FL 33912	Larry D. Brown P.O. Box 550 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02/13/01	01-P-00070	Edgar Reynolds 17091 Ky. Rt. 979 Hi Hat, KY 41636	Yulanda Rose 17004 Ky. Rt. 979 Beaver, KY 41604	
02/14/01	01-P-00071	Nadine Akers P.O. Box 73 Betsy Layne, KY 41605	Opal Hinton P.O. Box 224 Betsy Layne, KY 41605	Anthony C. Davis P.O. Box 220 Betsy Layne, KY 41605
02/4/01	01-P-00072	Paula Stanley P.O. Box 256 Hi Hat, KY 41636	Gary Stanley P.O. Box 256 Hi Hat, KY 41636	Keith Bartley P.O. Box 1378 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02/14/01	01-P-00073	Tinsley Manns Box 685 Garrett, KY 41630	Ethel Coburn Box 134 Garrett, KY 41630	Arnold Turner, Jr. Box 388 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02/16/01	01-P-00075	Leona G. Cooley Riverview Health Care Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Harold Cooley	Clyde Combs, Jr. 181 East Court St. Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02/16/01	01-P-00076	Arizona Tackett P.O. Box 016 Beaver, KY 41604	Eric Tackett 215 Johnson Hollow Rd. Melvin, KY 41650	Gerald DeRossett 124 W. Court St. Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02/19/01	01-P-00078	Dora Sizemore Prestonsburg, KY	Lyda Caudill 304 Clark Dr. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Ralph H. Stevens P.O. Box 466 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02/19/01	01-P-00079	Dave Sizemore Hager Hill Prestonsburg, KY	Carl Sizemore Morehead, KY 40351	Ralph H. Stevens P.O. Box 466 Prestonsburg, KY 41653



**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5156, Major Revision No. 6 In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Coal-Mac, Inc., P.O. Box 436, 1628 West 3rd Street, Williamson, West Virginia 25661, has applied for a major revision to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.2 miles southeast of Alvin in Floyd County. The major revision will not add any surface acreage or underground acreage to the permit area.

The proposed major revision area is approximately 1.2 miles southeast from KY 194's junction with KY 1428 and located 0.3 miles south of Cow Creek.

The proposed major revision is located on the Harold and Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be affected by the major revision is owned by John Gobel.

The major revision proposes to change the post mining land use from residential to industrial/commercial.

The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 836-8043, Renewal No. 3 In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that N.F.C. Mining, Inc., 432 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for renewal of a permit for a coal processing facility affecting 11.25 acres located 1 mile east of Lancer in Floyd County.

The facility is approximately 0.5 mile southeast from State Route 1428's junction with State Route 3 and located 0.1 mile south of the Levisa Fork. The latitude is 37° 40' 08". The longitude is 82° 43' 29". The operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7.2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by N.F.C. Mining, Inc. and CSX Transportation, Inc.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Division of Permits with respect to applications to conduct

surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County. Maple Ridge Mining Corporation, 836-5395, Issued 010109 The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, 836-5335, Issued 010105 Motts Branch Coal Incorporated, 836-0289, Issued 010109

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of Our Lady of the Way Hospital's Laboratory Services on March 15 & 16, 2001. The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which accreditation should be awarded the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such request should be addressed to:

Division of Accreditation Operations  
Accreditation Service Specialist  
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations  
One Renaissance Boulevard  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

The Joint Commissions will acknowledge such requests in writing or by telephone, and will inform the organization of the request for any interview. The organization will, in turn notify the interviewee of the date, time and place of the meeting.

This notice is posted in accordance with the Joint Commission's requirements and may not be removed before the survey is completed.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that James Guess, Box 1735, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct an earthen fill and subsequent construction of residential structures within the 100 year floodplain. The project site is located along the east bank of Paint Creek, approximately 1.0 miles south of the community of East Point in Floyd County. The latitude is 37d 44m 00s; the longitude is 82d 47m 15s. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to The Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone (502) 564-3410.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to KRS

231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by Thomas McNeil of Rt. 3379, Box 2686, Galveston, KY 41635. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is Nine Ball Pool Hall. The nature of the business will be Pool Tables. Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080, any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk, no later than March 15, 2001, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated and reflect the current address of said person providing the information.

Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for March 15, 2001, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd floor in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of, or in opposition to, the granting of the permit.

Hon. Keith Bartley  
Floyd County Attorney

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

For the Project Titled: Fill-in Pool  
Allen Central High School  
Floyd County Schools  
Floyd County, Kentucky

Floyd County Schools will receive sealed bids for the Fill-in Pool, Allen Central High School, until 1:00 p.m., Local Time, March 8, 2001, at the office of Greg Adams, located at 23 Martin Street, Allen, KY 41601.

Immediately following the scheduled closing time for reception of bids, all proposals which have been submitted in accordance with the Contract documents will be publicly opened and read aloud.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Project consists of filling in the existing swimming pool and pouring a concrete slab to make the space available for other school functions. A concrete ramp is included for access to the existing pool deck level.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the following places:

- F.W. Dodge/ABC Planroom, 132 Venture Court, Suite No. 12, Lexington, KY.
- F.W. Dodge Corporation, 303 N. Hurstbourne Lane, Louisville, KY.
- Builders Exchange, 2300 Meadow Drive, Louisville, KY.
- Kentuckiana ABC, 425 W. Lee, Louisville, KY.
- Kentuckiana ABC, 1051 F Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY.
- Associated General Contractors of KY, Inc., 3830 Taylorsville Road, Suite 11, Louisville, KY.
- Associated General Contractors, 2331 Fortune Dr., Lexington, KY.
- Construction Market Data, 1951 Bishop Lane, Suite 202, Louisville, KY.
- Johnson-Romanowitz Architects, 300 E. Main St., Lexington, KY.

may be obtained upon deposit of \$25.00 per set cash or check, payable to Johnson-Romanowitz Architects, Inc. After receipt of deposit by Lynn Blueprint & Supply Company, documents may be obtained from Lynn Blueprint & Supply Company, 328 Old East Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507, (606) 255-1021. If documents are to be mailed, a non-refundable charge of \$10.00 per set is required, made payable directly to Lynn Blueprint & Supply Company, Inc.

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All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond of not less than 5% of the amount of the total bid. A 100% Performance Bond and Payment Bond shall be required of the successful Bidder. All bonding and insurance requirements are contained in the instructions to Bidders and/or the General and Supplementary Conditions of the Contract.

Bids must be submitted, in duplicate originals, on Bid Form included in the Project Manual. Mailed Bids shall be addressed to the office of the school board at the address listed above.

Submission of a bid shall be construed as confirmation that the bidder has visited the site and satisfied himself as to the extent of work required. No changes to the contract will be considered based on misunderstandings could have been addressed by a site visit.

Any bid received later than the time specified for receipt of bids, or any bid which is not submitted in the proper form shall not be considered.

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

For the Project Titled: Athletic Fields  
South Floyd High School  
Floyd County Schools  
Floyd County, Kentucky

Floyd County Schools will receive sealed bids for the ATHLETIC FIELD, SOUTH FLOYD HIGH SCHOOL, until 2:00 p.m., Local Time, March 16, 2001, at the office of Mr. Greg Adams, Floyd County Schools, 23 Martin Street, Allen, KY 41601.

Immediately following the scheduled closing time for reception of bids, all proposals which have been submitted in accordance with the Contract documents will be publicly opened and

read aloud.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Project consists of the construction of an athletic field at South Floyd High School, including a football field and grandstand, a running track, field house and related site work. Some of the work will be done by county staff and the Floyd County Public Schools. The remainder of the work will be performed under Bid Packages.

Those include Bid Package No. 1—Earthwork. Bid Package No. 2 Lawns. Bid Package No. 3 includes Fencing. Bid Package No. 4 includes Irrigation Systems. Bid Package No. 5 includes Site improvements. Bid Package No. 6 includes Paving. Bid Package No. 7 includes Storm Sewer Systems. Bid Package No. 8 includes the Field House. Bid Package No. 9 includes for Grandstands. Bid Package No. 10 includes Field Lighting.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on March 8, 2001, at 2:00 p.m., local time, in the office of Mr. Greg Adams, Floyd County Schools, located at 23 Martin Street, Allen, KY 41601.

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**PROJECT 9915**

All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond or not less than 5% of the amount of the total bid. A 100% Performance Bond and Payment Bond shall be required of the successful bidder. All bonding and insurance requirements are contained in the instructions Bidders and/or the General and Supplementary

Conditions of the Contract.

Bids must be submitted, in duplicate originals, on Bid Form included in the Project Manual. All Bids are to be clearly marked as to the "Bid Package" being bid. Mailed Bids shall be addressed to the office of the school board at the address listed above.

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Notice is hereby given to the Unknown Heirs of Audrey Lee Jack Weddington, Unknown Heirs of David Weddington, and Unknown Heirs of Franklin Weddington, and all other persons or parties who may be claiming or have an interest in an Oil and Gas Lease and the proceeds resulting from Oil and Gas Lease executed on or about August 28, 1933, between Mary B. Runyon, et al, Lessors, and Warfield Natural Gas Company, appearing of record in Deed Book 98, Page 421, in the office of Floyd County Court Clerk of Kentucky, and which is subject to Floyd Complaint in the Floyd Circuit Court.

Any and all persons or parties who are believed to have an interest in the proceeds from the above referenced lease, are hereby directed to contact the Warning Order Attorney, Hon. Bayard V. Collier, Boehl, Stopher & Graves, LLP, P.O. Box 606, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, 41653.

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CIVIL ACTION NO. 00-CI-00742**

Equicredit Corporation of Kentucky, Plaintiffs vs: **NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**  
Roy G. Johnson  
Unknown spouse of Roy G. Johnson  
County of Floyd  
Unknown spouse of Brenda Delores Kidd Johnson, Defendants  
By Virtue of In Rem Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 29th day of January, 2001 in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled

cause, for the following sums:  
Principal \$44,894.72  
Interest from 3/5/00 to 9/15/00 \$3,015.10  
Late Charges, \$138.78  
Advancements for the protection of the property, including taxes and insurance (negative escrow) \$382.00  
Attorney fees (KRS

411.195) \$950.00  
**TOTAL \$49,380.60**  
for which total amount in rem judgment is hereby rendered in favor of the Plaintiff and against the Defendant, Roy G. Johnson, together with interest at the rate of \$13.64 per diem (or 10.94% per annum) from the above date until paid plus costs herein and any sums expected by Plaintiff for insurance, ad valorem taxes or for preservation of the real estate until date of sale, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 1st day of March, 2001, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., that property set out in that certain mortgage which the Plaintiff owns and holds, constituting a valid first mortgage upon the real estate owned by the Defendant, Roy G. Johnson, which is described as follows, and is more commonly known as: 140 Bryant Street, Teaberry, KY 41660.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.  
(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, real property taxes for the year 2001, if not already paid, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.  
(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.  
Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.

**THIS THE 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2001, WILLIAM S. KENDRICK**  
Master Commissioner  
P. O. Box 268  
Prestonsburg, Kentucky

41653  
(606) 886-2812  
**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**  
This is to certify that the original was forwarded to Floyd Circuit Court Clerk, with true and correct copies of the foregoing duly mailed, postage prepaid, this the 6th day of February, 2001 to:  
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P. O. Box 1300  
Prestonsburg, KY 41653  
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P. O. Box 3415  
Prestonsburg, KY 41653  
Hon. Keith Bartley  
Floyd County Attorney  
P. O. Box 1000  
Prestonsburg, KY 41653  
**WILLIAM S. KENDRICK**  
Master Commissioner

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Due to the proposed relocation and construction of KY. 979 Minnie to Harold; project officially designated as Floyd County, Item No. 12-301.00; Project No. FD04 C036 6376501R; the Commonwealth of Kentucky; Transportation Cabinet; Department of Highways has deemed it necessary to relocate a number of known and unidentified graves located on the proposed route, more fully described as follows:

Parcel No. 43: Cemetery Graves located on the property of Everett and Margaret Carroll, located on Tackett Branch off of the current KY 979. The graves are situated on the right side of Tackett Branch, on a hillside approximately 50 feet from said road. The cemetery appears to contain 4 graves of which all are marked with inscribed monuments, the most recent dated 1998. The following graves are so marked:

- No. 1—Lizzie Tackett (05/04/1926-07/27/1998)
- No. 2—Willie Tackett (05/12/1925-08/10/1991)
- No. 3—Brian Gregory Wilburn (05/25/1988-05/25/1988)
- No. 4—John N. Hamilton (1956-1995)

Parcel No. 44: Cemetery Graves located on the property of Flora Akers, located off current KY 979. The Graves are situated along a gravel road on a hillside. The cemetery appears to contain 14 graves of which all have been deemed native stone markers with no inscription. The following graves are so marked:

- No. 1-14—Native Stone Marker/No Inscription

Parcel No. 45: Cemetery Graves located on the property of Jimmy Joe and Vicki Lynn Rose, located on Mud Creek off KY 979. The graves are situated 3 tenths of a mile off KY 979 on a hillside. The cemetery appears to contain 6 graves with all of them marked with inscribed monuments, the most recent dated 1994. The following graves are so marked:

- No. 1—Elisabeth A. Rose (04/01/1936-03/09/1994)
- No. 2—Jerry Hamilton (06/18/1969-08/26/1975)
- No. 3—Elzre Lee Rose (06/29/1914-12/06/1977)
- No. 4—George Rose (07/09/1889-08/12/1977)
- No. 5—Katie Shephard Rose (02/7/1885-05/23/1969)
- No. 6—Ernie Sexton (05/05/1908-12/28/1982)

Parcel No. 46: Cemetery Graves located in the Armina Martin Heirs Cemetery, located just off KY 979. The graves are situated 2 tenths of a mile off KY 979 on a ridge. The Cemetery appears to contain 14 graves with all but one marked and inscribed monuments, the most recent dated 1995. The following graves are so marked:

- No. 1—John B. Frasure (1901-1981)
- No. 2—Bonnie C. Frasure (1907-1977)
- No. 3—Charlie Martin (1904-1971)
- No. 4—Maugerite Kerran (03-16/1973-02/12/1986)
- No. 5—Anna J. Martin (1961)
- No. 6—Cecil Paul Smith (08/15/1910-11/12/1955)
- No. 7—Paul Frasure Smith (09/25/1909-09/30/1995)
- No. 8—Luther G. Martin (06/10/1934-10/14/1978)
- No. 9—Evan Martin (02/28/1900-04/17/1965)
- No. 10—Oscar C. Martin (10/06/1923-09/15/1995)
- No. 11—Tan Martin (06/07/1873-06/07/1939)
- No. 12—Clarence A. Martin (09/26/1920-11/13/1920)
- No. 13—Armina Frasure Martin (02/29/1883-10/13/1985)
- No. 14—No Inscription

Parcel No. 47: Cemetery Graves located on the property of Ermit & Jennifer Branham, located just off KY 979. The Graves are situated 2 tenths of a mile off KY 979 on a ridge in front of Parcel No. 46. The cemetery appears to contain 13 graves with all but 4 being marked and inscribed monuments. The most recent is dated 1983. The following graves are so marked:

- No. 1—Andrew J. Moore (09/02/1880-07/04/1934)
- No. 2—Fitzhugh More (05/13/1903-07/10/1921)
- No. 3—Andrew J. Moore (05/10/1911-06/03/1916)
- No. 4—No inscription
- No. 5—Claude Hamilton (10/10/1930-02/14/1974)
- No. 6—No Inscription
- No. 7—Cambridge Blanton (02/06/1922-07/06/1983)
- No. 8—John E. Blanton (06/11/1840-blank)
- No. 9—Opal Hamilton (08/25/1911-05/27/1974)
- No. 10—V.J. Yates (12/22/1855-06/16/1887)
- No. 11—Native stone/No Inscription
- No. 12—No inscription
- No. 13—A.J. Yates (09/10/1828-02/02/1895)

The Department of Highways requests information from anyone having knowledge of the identify of the next-of-kin and of any grave or family member having a legal interest in the graves to be relocated.

Please contact:  
Kentucky Department of Highways  
Jackson Latta  
Right of Way Agent,  
P.O. Box 2468  
Pikeville, Ky. 41502  
(606) 433-7791, Ext. 257  
Fax: (606) 433-7765  
E-mail: jlatta@mail.kytc.state.ky.us

A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Big Mud Creek, Tinker Fork. Beginning at a cement stake go up the hill to another cement stake then turn left straight line to another cement stake, then turn left down the hill to another cement stake then turn left straight around to the beginning.

Lakie Jackson given fourteen foot road right to travel to his property beginning at the Creek up the hill pass my home. Lakie is not denying this roadway, I am just giving him a way to his home.

This part of the property is to be subtracted from the deed of bearing date July 14, 1951 in Book 148, Page 230.

BEING the same property conveyed to Roy Gene Johnson, by deed of Brenda Delores Kidd Johnson, formerly his wife, by deed dated the 4th day of May, 1999, recorded in Deed Book 433, Page 305, of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

The property hereinabove described cannot be divided without materially impairing its value and therefore will be sold as a whole by the Master Commissioner of the Court with the proceeds therefrom distributed to the parties as set out hereinbelow.

The property hereinabove described shall be sold by the Master Commissioner as more particularly set forth in

order to satisfy the debt owed the Plaintiff, interest, costs, and outstanding Floyd County Ad Valorem taxes owed by the primary defendant, Serena Slone.

The liens herein adjudged shall attach to the proceeds of said sale of the real estate in priority as follows:

The Plaintiff, Equicredit Corporation of Kentucky, is adjudged to have a first and superior mortgage lien (subject only to any appropriate liens of Floyd County, Kentucky and sale costs) upon the hereinabove described real property.

**TERMS OF SALE:**

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 20% down, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force

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*Together we have laughed and cheered, all at our hero, so revered.*

*Sundays will never be the same, even with those with the name.*

*They say time will heal all pain, so much is lost with nothing to gain.*

*We will all miss the man, whether family, friend or fan. Others will come and go, this we all so well know.*

*They will never be another so great, such as they, always tempt fate.*

*Our hero who now has fell, souvenirs just left for sale.*

*We will never forget the man in black, an unspoken hero, whether on or off the track.*

*A hero and legend, respected by all, whose life ended Sunday, on Daytona's wall.*

*As Sunday's sun slowly fell, we heard the news of fallen hero, Dale.*

*Now our hearts so heavy with sorrow, knowing for him there is no tomorrow!!!*

WRITTEN BY A FAN: JOHN A. GOBLE

### THE MAN IN BLACK (#3)

*The roar of engines sound so loud, same as the roar of the crowd.*

*As we all watched with awe, our hero so soon to fall.*

*With every lap more intense, we watch from behind the fence.*

*The smell of rubber in the air, along with that intimidating stare.*

*With the race close to the end, just around another bend. A crash alarms the crowd, the sirens ring out so loud.*

*The black Chevy hit the wall, our hero so soon to fall. He will never know of his fame, and we will never forget his name.*

*As he enters Heaven's gate, our loss, oh, so great. Soon to be missed by all, now taken by the Master's call.*

*A race day we all will remember, from February thru November.*

*And as our memory fades, never to forget the man behind the shades.*

*Hoping only to meet another day, in Heaven, that's God's way.*

*There is a reason for every loss, just like our Savior, upon the cross.*

*In life we know not of tomorrow, we must get over our sorrow.*

*So fortunate to have seen him race, and now we know he's in a better place.*

WRITTEN BY JOHN A. GOBLE, A FAN!!

# The future of NASCAR without Dale Earnhardt

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

On Sunday, February 17, 2001, NASCAR lost a driver many consider to be its best ever—Ralph Dale Earnhardt.

Dale Earnhardt's racing career and his life came to an end just one-half lap short of the finish line in the season opening Daytona 500. Many thought the crash wasn't that bad. However, it proved to be tragic and ended the life of a legend.

How does NASCAR and the sport of auto racing in general, go on without Dale Earnhardt? Now, just how does NASCAR go about replacing the legendary Earnhardt? They don't. NASCAR can only try to move on. It can be it done, NASCAR can continue to persevere and NASCAR can continue to strive. The NASCAR fan base is too large to falter, even though a large majority of its fans were big Dale Earnhardt fans. Dale Jr., will likely win over a lot more of his father's fans who had yet to take him in as one of their favorites.

Will it be the young and talented Dale Jr., who will step up to the plate and fill his fallen father's shoes? He's definitely capable of some good things. He's already proven that. Junior is a two-time Busch Series Champion. In the 2000 season, he recorded three wins, four top 5s and six top 10s in the Winston Cup Series. His total Winston Cup winnings for the 2000 season: \$1,839,476.

Jeff Gordon, second to Dale Earnhardt in career earnings with \$34,868,823, in just 257 starts, is a great driver. Gordon has won 52 Winston Cup races. But still yet, he's no Dale Earnhardt.

Matt Kenseth and Casey Atwood are two young NASCAR Winston Cup up and comers. Both young racers have shown signs of greatness. Both are capable,

with time on their side, of becoming NASCAR legends.

When discussing NASCAR, we can't leave out the names of veterans like Rusty Wallace, Bill Elliott, Dale Jarrett and the brother tandem of Terry and Bobby Labonte. All have made their marks in NASCAR. All have also worked tirelessly to do so. Rusty Wallace is tops in wins among the aforementioned drivers. Wallace pulled into the 2001 Daytona 500 with 53 wins.

The speed and force associated with auto racing always brings with it a great deal of possible danger. Dale Earnhardt went out of this world doing what he loved. He left this world racing and

racing hard just like he raced every weekend.

Some driver or drivers on the NASCAR Winston Cup Series must step up.

NASCAR must now pick up and move on without its best driver. NASCAR must move on. Their fallen hero would have wanted it that way.



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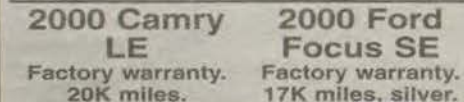
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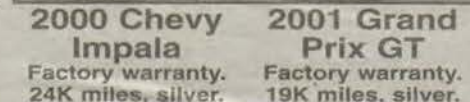
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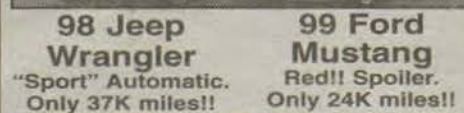
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by GERALD HODGES  
THE RACING REPORTER

Michael Waltrip had competed in 462 regular Winston Cup races without a win, the longest in the history of NASCAR. But Sunday in front of over 200,000 fans at Daytona International Speedway and millions more at home, Darrell Waltrip's younger brother

took the checkered flag ahead of Dale Earnhardt Jr.

"This is what we've prayed for," said Darrell, as tears streamed down his face in the Fox Broadcasting tower. "Our daddy would be so proud."

While Waltrip was celebrating in Victory Lane his car owner, Dale Earnhardt, who had been blocking for him during the last 11 laps

was being attended to by EMS Personnel in turn four. Earnhardt lost control of his No. 3 Chevrolet and crashed into the outer wall of turn four on the last lap, taking Ken Schrader's No. 36 M&M Chevrolet with him.

Schrader walked away unhurt, but Earnhardt was taken to a local hospital.

"I know I would never have won today without the help of Dale Jr.,"

Waltrip said. "You can't win these type (restrictor-plate) races without friends. And I've got to thank his daddy too, who had faith in me and was back there blocking.

"There were a lot of people who didn't think I could win, but I showed up every Sunday and did my job, and today after going 0 for 462, I won one of these things. Me and my brother have both won the Daytona 500 (Darrell won it in 1989).

A major pileup occurred on lap 174 of the 200-lap event as the middle of the field of cars was between turns one and two. The first three cars involved were the No. 4 Kodak Chevrolet driven by Robby Gordon, the No. 22 Caterpillar Dodge of Ward Burton and the No. 20 of Tony Stewart.

It appeared the nose of Gordon's car touched the rear of the No. 22 causing Burton to lose control and swerve into Stewart's No. 20.

"From what I'm being told the No. 4 car hit me, and after that things got wild," Ward Burton said.

All 18 drivers including Tony Stewart, who was taken to the hospital, walked away.

"I'm really sorry about what happened," Robby Gordon said. "The 22 car got a little loose and I got into him. Then he got into Tony (Stewart) and it was just a

mess after that."

Waltrip was able to get by Earnhardt Sr. on lap 188. Two laps later, Dale Jr. pulled in behind Waltrip, and the two Earnhardts' were able to hold off all challengers, including Sterling Marlin for the last 10 laps.

The 49 lead changes in the Daytona 500 tied the most lead changes in all of 2000, which was set at Talladega in October. It was also the most in a Daytona 500 since there were 59 in 1983.

In 2000 there were only 14 lead changes in all the NASCAR Winston Cup

(See WALTRIP, page four)

## Earnhardt's Championship Seasons

Year	Driver	Points
1980	Dale Earnhardt	4,661
	Cale Yarborough	4,642
	Benny Parsons	4,278
	Richard Petty	4,255
	Darrell Waltrip	4,239
1986	Dale Earnhardt	4,468
	Darrell Waltrip	4,180
	Tim Richmond	4,174
	Bill Elliott	3,844
	Ricky Rudd	3,823
1987	Dale Earnhardt	4,696
	Bill Elliott	4,207
	Terry Labonte	4,007
	Darrell Waltrip	3,911
	Rusty Wallace	3,818
1990	Dale Earnhardt	4,430
	Mark Martin	4,404
	Geoff Bodine	4,017
	Bill Elliott	3,999
	Morgan Shepherd	3,689
1991	Dale Earnhardt	4,287
	Ricky Rudd	4,092
	Davey Allison	4,088
	Harry Gant	3,985
	Ernie Ivan	3,925
1993	Dale Earnhardt	4,526
	Rusty Wallace	4,446
	Mark Martin	4,150
	Dale Jarret	4,000
	Kyle Petty	3,680
1994	Dale Earnhardt	4,694
	Mark Martin	4,250
	Rusty Wallace	4,207
	Ken Schrader	4,060

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## Waltrip

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aces held during Speedweeks (Budweiser Shootout, both Gatorade 125's and the Daytona 500). In 2001 there were 89 lead changes with 49 occurring in the Daytona 500.

2001 marked the first time since 1989 that Dale Earnhardt has been shut out in Speedweeks at Daytona.

Finishing order: 1. Michael Waltrip, 2. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 3. Rusty Wallace, 4. Ricky Rudd, 5. Bill Elliott, 6. Mike Wallace, 7. Sterling Marlin, 8. Bobby Hamilton, 9. Jeremy Mayfield, 10. Stacy Compton, 11. Joe Nemechek, 12. Dale Earnhardt, 13. Ken Schrader, 14. Robert

Pressley, 15. Brett Bodine, 16. Kyle Petty, 17. Ron Hornaday, 18. Elliott Sadler, 19. Jeff Burton, 20. Casey Atwood, 21. Matt Kenseth, 22. Dale Jarrett, 23. Ricky Craven, 24. Terry Labonte, 25. Kenny Wallace, 26. Mike Skinner, 27. Jimmy Spencer, 28. Johnny Benson, 29. Buckshot Jones, 30. Jeff Gordon, 31. Steve Park, 32. Jerry Nadeau, 33. Mark Martin, 34. Jason Leffler, 35. Ward Burton, 36. Tony Stewart, 37. Robby Gordon, 38. Andy Houston, 39. John Andretti, 40. Bobby Labonte, 41. Kurt Busch, 42. Dave Blaney, 43. Jeff Purvis

purse did not live up to expectations. NASCAR officials had said in 1999, that all Winston Cup purses would quadruple in 2001 due to the new television contract with NBC and Fox. Last year's Daytona 500 paid \$9,367,816, while this year's purse will be just a little over \$11-million, an increase of less than 25 percent.

### THREE DODGES FINISH IN TOP-10

Even though Dodge did not win their first big race, they did make a good showing. Bill Elliott, the pole sitter came in fifth, while Sterling Marlin who finished seventh appeared to have the strongest car in the 43-car field. The top-10 finishing order was almost evenly divided with four Fords, three Chevrolets and three Dodges.

### LAJOIE WINS HIS THIRD NAPA 300 BUSCH RACE SINCE 1997

Daytona Beach, Fla.—Randy LaJoie, driver of the No. 7 Kleenex Chevrolet, won his third Busch Grand National race at the Daytona International Speedway since 1997. The win under caution was LaJoie's 14th career victory but only his fourth since 1998. Kevin Harvick was second, Matt Kenseth was third, defending series champion Jeff Green was fourth and Jimmie Johnson rounded out the top five. LaJoie worked with his car after the rain delay to stay near the front. On Lap 109, LaJoie passed Purvis, who led the most laps, for the lead.

"We had a good run,"

LaJoie said. "I had a good run going into 3 and I tried the outside to see if it worked better on the top than on the bottom. I got a good run and I got a good push from Nemechek, (Joe Nemechek, LaJoie's car owner)."

Finishing order: 1. Randy LaJoie, 2. Kevin Harvick, 3. Matt Kenseth, 4. Jeff Green, 5. Jimmie Johnson, 6. Mike McLaughlin, 7. Jason Keller, 8. Kenny Wallace, 9. Chad Little, 10. Tim Sauter, 11. Jamie McMurray, 12. Shane Hall, 13. Marty Houston, 14. Hank Parker Jr., 15. Scott Wimmer, 16.

Rich Bickle, 17. Joe Bessey, 18. Kelly Denton, 19. Larry Foyt, 20. Mark Green, 21. Lyndon Amick, 22. Greg Biffle, 23. David Green, 24. Tim Fedewa, 25. Jay Sauter, 26. Steve Grissom, 27. PJ Jones, 28. Jeff Purvis, 29. Mike Dillon, 30. Blaise Alexander, 31. Ashton Lewis Jr., 32. Joe Nemechek, 33. Bobby Hamilton Jr. 34. David Starr, 35. Brad Baker, 36. Tony Raines, 37. Michael Waltrip, 38. Todd Bodine, 39. Kevin Grubb, 40. Mike Bliss, 41. Chad Chaffin, 42. Bobby Hamilton, 43. Elton Sawyer.



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# Gone from the track, still in our heart

by STEVE MICKEY  
NASCAR COLUMNIST

As my wife and I sat in the stands at Daytona watching the events of that last lap that will forever be etched in the memory of every Winston Cup fan, we both kept waiting for Dale to crawl out of his car and tell a reporter that, "it was one of those racing deals." After all, this was the Intimidator, the one driver that seemed to be the bullet proof, the one driver that always crawled out of even the worst of wrecks only to crawl back in his car the next week.

This time there was something different about the crash scene. The body language of the rescue personnel that was surrounding the car told all of us there that this wasn't one of those wrecks where the driver gets out of the car and walks to the ambulance for the ride to the infield care center.

Just like you that were watching on TV, we had no idea just how severe the injuries were. As we walked silently to our car, like so many others, all we could do was to offer up prayers. The miles and hours seemed to go by so slow on our trip home. We couldn't find any news on the radio about Dale's condition and it wasn't until we stopped at Savannah that we found out that the sport had lost its greatest driver.

The crowd at that last race was like so many races I have attended over the years. A quick look around the stands showed that half of the crowd

were Earnhardt supporters with their trademark black shirts and hats. The majority of those fans never got to meet him, but to them he was family. Dale was one of the few drivers in the series that the average race fan could identify with.

Dale was the last throwback to the roots of the sport. He got those roots by watching his father race during the early years of NASCAR. Dale knew at an early age that racing was what he wanted to do and with only an eighth grade education started the long hard road that would lead him to the top of the Winston Cup world.

Earnhardt knew what it was like to leave the track at night with grease under his fingernails. He raced in those old bull rings where nothing was given more importantly nothing ever expected to be given to you. If you had enough money to make it from one race to the next you were considered to be a well-funded operation.

The hard nosed attitude and style that he developed during these early years became his trademark in Winston Cup. He started when the big names were Petty, Pearson and Yarborough, but all three were in the twilight of their careers. The torch was being passed to a young cocky driver by the name of Darrell Waltrip. It wasn't long before Waltrip found himself as one-half of the biggest rivalry in the sport with a driver that was about to earn the nickname of "The Intimidator".

The late 80's saw Earnhardt

take the torch from Waltrip and begin to run with it. He already had built a huge fan base, but now he was the one that other drivers knew they had to beat on any given Sunday. His reputation was to much as many drivers as the sight of Dale in their rear view mirror during the last stages of a race forced more than one driver to make the mistake that "The Intimidator" was waiting for!

Dale took what was given to him in the series and raised it to a level that quite honestly I don't believe any driver in the series has the personality or skill to continue. He lived and relished the role of The Intimidator at the track. His ever present dark sunglasses, black hat and crossed arms leaning against his black Chevrolet did as much to lead to those 7 championships as anything else.

As intimidating as he could be at the track, there was the other side of Dale Earnhardt very few people got to see. He was generous to a fault with both his time and his vast resources. But, this was the

side of Dale Earnhardt that he didn't think much needed to be told. Dale didn't do the charitable works and favors for friends for the publicity, instead he did them from his generous heart.

I met the man a couple of times and it was just a handshake and a hello, but from those brief encounters I felt like he was part of my extended family. I wasn't alone in my feeling, every fan who saw him race felt the same way about him. Dale Earnhardt was the sport of Winston Cup, he was the one driver that the series identified itself with. His death doesn't just leave a void on the track, it leaves a bigger void as a husband, father, son and a friend.

The events of Sunday Feb. 17 leave each of us to search our faith for a meaning. I always believe things happen for a reason and sometimes the reason just isn't made apparent to us. It leaves us searching, but for Dale the search is over, he has the peace that we who are still here must continue to search for.



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SEVERAL Dale Earnhardt fans put the blame of the fatal Daytona 500 wreck on Winston Cup driver Sterling Marlin.



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MARK MARTIN has seen a lot of success on NASCAR's Busch Series as well as the Winston Cup Series. Martin now drives the Viagra-sponsored car.



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KENNY IRWIN tragically lost his life while racing on the track last season (2000) in Loudon, New Hampshire.

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# WINSTON CUP CAREER STATISTICS

# Dale Earnhardt



## NASCAR Winston Cup Firsts:

- Start- May 25, 1975- Charlotte Motor Speedway
- Pole- June 8, 1979- Riverside Speedway
- Win- April 1, 1979- Bristol International Raceway

## Titles and Awards:

- NASCAR Winston Cup Champion- 1980, 1986, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994
- NASCAR Winston Cup Rookie of the Year- 1979
- National Motorsports Press Association Driver of the Year- 1980, 1987, 2990, 2994; with Tim Richmond in 1986
- IROC Champion- 1990, 1995, 1999
- National Driver of the Year- 1987, 1994

## Career Highlights & Timeline

- **1975**  
First NASCAR Winston Cup Series start at Charlotte Motor Speedway on May 25
- **1978**  
Joined Rod Osurland's team
- **1979**  
Winston Cup Series Rookie of the Year  
First Winston Cup victory at Bristol International Raceway on April 19  
First Winston Cup pole at Riverside Raceway on June 8
- **1980**  
Winston Cup Series Champion becoming only driver to win rookie title and championship back-to-back
- **1982**  
Joined Bud Moore Engineering team

➤ **1984**  
Joined Richard Childress Racing team

➤ **1986**  
Winston Cup Series Champion  
Shared NMPA Driver of the Year award with Tim Richmond

➤ **1987**  
Winston Cup Series Champion  
American Motorsports Driver of the Year  
NMPA Driver of the Year

➤ **1990**  
Winston Cup Series Champion  
IROC Champion  
NMPA Driver of the Year

➤ **1991**  
Winston Cup Series Champion

➤ **1993**  
Winston Cup Series Champion

➤ **1994**  
Winston Cup Series Champion  
American Motorsports Driver of the Year  
NMPA Driver of the Year

➤ **1995**  
Finished second in Winston Cup points standings  
IROC Champion

➤ **1996**  
Finished fourth in Winston Cup points standings

➤ **1997**  
Finished fifth in Winston Cup points standings

➤ **1998**  
Won Daytona 500 in his 20th start and finished eighth in Winston Cup points

➤ **1999**  
IROC Champion

➤ **2000**  
IROC Champion

➤ **2001**  
Finished 12th in Daytona 500  
DEI team of Michael Waltrip and Dale Earnhardt Jr. finished one-two in season-beginning Daytona 500 race

## Dale Earnhardt Career Statistics 1975-2000

Year	Starts	Wins	Top 5's	Top 10's	Money
1975	1	0	0	0	1,925
1976	2	0	0	0	3,085
1977	1	0	0	0	1,375
1978	5	0	1	2	20,145
1979	27	1	11	17	264,086
1980	31	5	19	24	588,926
1981	31	0	9	17	347,113
1982	30	1	7	12	375,325
1983	30	2	9	14	446,272
1984	30	2	12	22	616,788
1985	28	4	10	16	546,596
1986	29	5	16	23	1,783,880
1987	29	11	21	24	2,099,243
1988	29	3	13	19	1,214,089
1989	29	5	14	19	1,435,730
1990	29	9	18	23	3,083,050
1991	29	4	14	21	2,396,685
1992	29	1	6	15	915,463
1993	30	6	17	21	3,353,789
1994	31	4	20	25	3,300,733
1995	31	5	19	23	3,154,241
1996	31	2	13	17	2,285,926
1997	32	0	7	16	2,151,909
1998	33	1	5	13	2,588,400
1999	34	3	7	21	2,682,089
2000	34	2	13	24	3,701,391

**2001**  
**DAYTONA 500**  
Team: Richard Childress Racing  
Crew Chief: Kevin Hamlin  
Primary Sponsor: GM Goodwrench  
Car: Chevrolet

Started	Finished	Qualifying 1st race	Results 3rd Place
7	12		

## Deaths at Daytona International Speedway

1. Marshall Teague, .....Feb. 11, 1959
2. George Amick, .....April 4, 1959
3. Dr. Bernie Taylor, .....June 14, 1959
4. Harold Haberling, .....Feb. 21, 1964
5. Billy Drew Wade, .....Jan. 5, 1965
6. Don MacTavish, .....Feb. 21, 1969
7. Wayne Harris Bartz, .....March 12, 1969
8. Talmadge "Tab" Prince, .....Feb. 19, 1970
9. Joe "Rusty" Bradley, .....March 14, 1971
10. David Pearl, .....July 30, 1971
11. Friday Hassler, .....Feb. 17, 1972
12. Ricky Knotts, .....Feb. 14, 1980
13. Francis Affleck, .....Feb. 7, 1985
14. Dr. Charles Ogle, injured .....Dec. 15, 1985, died Dec. 26, 1985
15. Bruce Jacobi, injured .....Feb. 1983, died Feb. 4, 1987
16. Joe Young, .....Feb. 13, 1987
17. James Kolman, .....Dec. 27, 1987
18. Randy Glenn, .....Feb. 26, 1988
19. Don Williams, .....injured Feb. 1979, died May 21, 1989
20. Dale Robertson, .....Dec. 27, 1989
21. Julius Johnson, .....injured Feb. 11, 1990, died Feb. 14, 1990
22. Joe Booher, .....Feb. 12, 1993
23. James Adamo, .....March 7, 1993
24. Neil Bonnett, .....Feb. 11, 1994
25. Rodney Orr, .....Feb. 14, 1994
26. Michael Himes, .....Jan. 31, 1997
27. Dale Earnhardt, .....Feb. 18, 2001

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# An Ode to Dale

By Alice Collins

An attitude in his driving,  
An attitude when he lost,  
But excitement he brought,  
With every finish line he  
crossed.

The saying goes there's a time  
to die,  
And I guess number 3's rolled  
up.

We still can't believe Dale is  
gone,

Won't be the same at the  
Winston Cup.

He's still driving in the Big  
Time still.

So loud we can hear it,  
Nascar has really lost-  
It's very true spirit.

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# Untitled

There was a Carolina man, all the drivers  
knew well,

He drove a black chevy, and his name  
was Dale.

Kind of broad in the shoulder, and narrow  
at the hip.

He'd bump you and shove you, and spin  
you out,

He was the best of the best, there ain't no  
doubt.

That black chevy 3 was the terror of the  
track, and everyone knew he wouldn't cut  
you no slack.

Big Dale, he raced for the flag - that's the  
name of the game.

He ran his race for fortune and fame.

He had a will of iron and nerves of steel.

He was a race car driver behind the  
wheel.

Big Dale in the Daytona 500 of 2001, a  
race before that he had won.

He was blocking out cars for Waltrip and  
Son,

when he hit the wall and the race was  
done.

Big Dale, he was a giant of a man, that  
we'll remember well.

He was NASCAR driver #3, Big Dale.

Now there's no number 3 left out there to  
face,

But he'll always be there at the start of  
the race.

He was always "Top Dog" in many a  
heart.

We'll miss you sadly, Big Dale  
Earnhardt.

John Dale, III  
Paintsville, Ky



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Gerald Hodges

DALE EARN-  
HARDT was  
the driving  
force behind  
the success of  
NASCAR and  
the Winston  
Cup Series.

## THE RACE

As dawn's early light shines its' ray on the track,  
all the drivers and crews are getting unpacked;  
it's the Daytona 500, the greatest race of the year,  
and the ones who have won it, hold that memory dear;  
there've been many winners to take this great race,  
with its' long straight aways and its' high turning banks.  
All the drivers know well of chances they take,  
the risk that's involved with each lap that they make.  
But round they all go, each lap to be faster,  
at the end of the day, to see who will be master.  
Only one thing changed at this year's race end,  
the sport lost its' greatest driver and many's great friend.  
He was the master of the track, he kept all others in awe,  
the black chevy #3 "Intimidator", his call.

He'd bump you and rub you, and jar loose your car's  
bracing,  
and at the end of the day, just say, "Boys, that's called  
racing."

He was a legend in his day, and always will be,  
he will be always missed, that black #3.

On February 18, 2001, the heavens opened up to take  
another son, a husband, a father, a great man, you see,  
the Lord said, "Welcome home, Dale Earnhardt, mighty  
3#."

John Dale, III  
Paintsville, Ky  
February 21, 2001

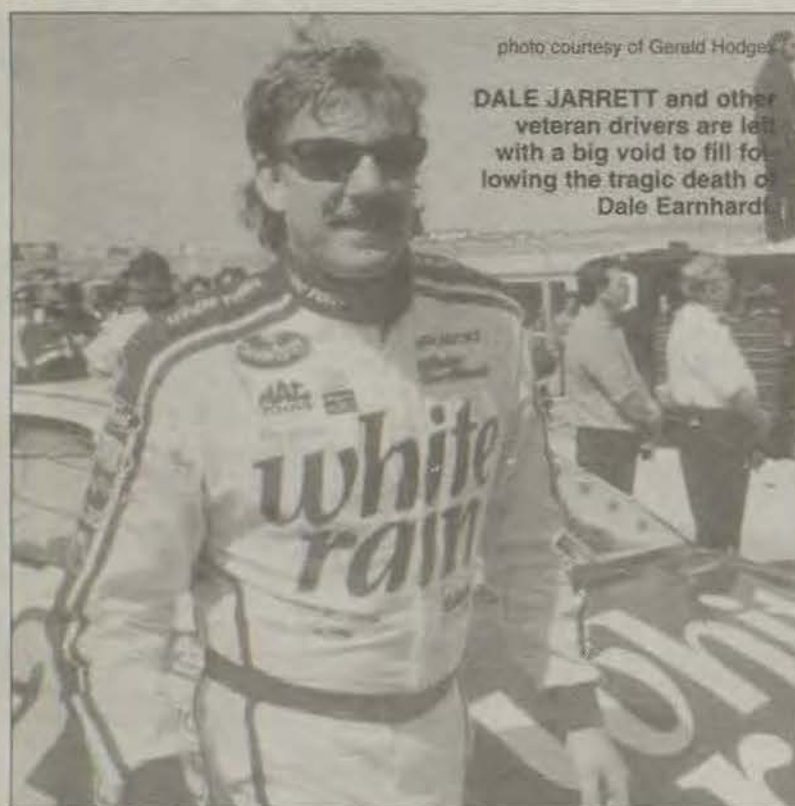


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DALE JARRETT and other  
veteran drivers are left  
with a big void to fill fol-  
lowing the tragic death of  
Dale Earnhardt.



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THE BLACK #3 CAR brought  
Richard Childress Racing to the  
forefront of NASCAR's Winston Cup  
Series.



## Dale Earnhardt Jr. Biography

Date of Birth- October 10, 1974  
 Height- 6'0"  
 Weight- 165 lbs  
 Birthplace- Concord, NC  
 Residence- Mooresville, NC  
 Marital Status- Single  
 Favorite TV Show- Seinfeld  
 Favorite Actor- Cuba Gooding, Jr.  
 Favorite Actress- Cameron Diaz  
 Favorite Model- Tyra Banks  
 Favorite Car- Red Corvette  
 Favorite Band(s)- Third Eye Blind, Pearl Jam  
 Favorite Animal- Dog (Irish Setter)  
 Favorite Food- Chicken  
 Favorite Song- "A Little Help From My Friends," by Joe Cocker

## Dale Jr. Facts

- Dale Earnhardt Jr. won his first NASCAR race in his 12th race.
- Dale Earnhardt Jr. is a two-time NASCAR Busch Series Champion and a third generation driver.
- Dale Jr. is often referred to as 'Little E'.

## Food City remembers Earnhardt

The Food City Racing family was devastated to learn of the death of seven-time NASCAR Winston Cup Champion Dale Earnhardt. Earnhardt was involved in a horrifying last lap crash at the Daytona International Speedway while competing in the NASCAR season opening Daytona 500.

In 1994 the company signed on as an associate sponsor of the Richard Childress owned GM Goodwrench Service Plus racing team and driver Dale Earnhardt. Food City spent four seasons with the seven-time champion and the familiar black number three. Food City also was an associate sponsor of the Dale Earnhardt, Inc. Busch Series effort and drivers Jeff Green, Steve Park and Dale Earnhardt, Jr. during the 1994-98 seasons.

"The news of Dale Earnhardt's death was numbing to the entire NASCAR community," stated Steve Smith, Food City President and Chief Operations Officer. "Our heart-felt condolences are extended to the family, crew, friends and the many loyal fans of Dale Earnhardt," Smith continued.

Food City and Dale Earnhardt had teamed together many times during the sponsorship and worked on several community-oriented projects together. Earnhardt had participated in advertising campaigns for the company along with previous appearances at the highly popular Food City Family Race Night events.

Food City Senior Vice President of Marketing Tom Hembree stated "Earnhardt was always the most sought after driver for the Family Race Night events, with many loyal fans waiting in line several hours for a chance to get the seven-time NASCAR Winston Cup Champion to autograph "Intimidator" merchandise."

The company teamed with Earnhardt in 1998 for his only Daytona 500 victory, and had the pleasure of celebrating the victory with the popular driver in Daytona's Victory Lane. Earnhardt will be missed by the entire Food City Racing family.

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# No major NASCAR safety changes in sight

by GERALD HODGES  
THE RACING REPORTER

NASCAR says the death of Dale Earnhardt won't spur any rush to develop new safety equipment such as neck braces, special seat harnesses, or softer walls.

Earnhardt died suddenly from massive head and neck injuries when his black No. 3 slammed into the outer turn four wall on the last lap of Sunday's Daytona 500.

His death was the fourth NASCAR fatality in nine months and it raised questions among racing fans if the governing organization was doing enough to promote safety among its drivers.

At a news conference Monday, NASCAR president Mike Helton made it clear that NASCAR won't speed up its search for new

safety products or procedures.

"We're not going to accelerate, we're not going to slow down," he said.

"It's a work in progress all the time."

One of the pieces of safety equipment some drivers use is HANS, or a

specially designed head and neck support that is designed to limit extreme movements of either side-to-side or front-to-back movements of the head and neck during hard crashes.

Dr. Steve Bohannon, an Emergency Room physician, who attended Earnhardt at the track, said there was no way of knowing if the HANS device would have saved his life. An autopsy Monday morning was inconclusive.

NASCAR does make the HANS device available to drivers. On Sunday six drivers were wearing them, while there were 21 more available in the Winston Cup trailer.

Another subject is softer walls. NASCAR has tested other materials that might lessen the G-forces in high-speed crashes, but has not come up with a suitable alternative.

"We've gone from tracks with no walls to wooden barriers to concrete walls," Helton said. "There may be a substitute for concrete, but we've not

been able to find it yet."

Earnhardt wore an open-faced helmet with goggles and never considered wearing a neck brace, but he did criticize NASCAR for complaining that walls made of softer material broke apart too easily and required too much clean up time.

On what may be known as Black Sunday by NASCAR fans, danger bumped Earnhardt hard. Too hard.

As such, one of NASCAR's greatest drivers is gone, a victim of the unspoken possibility that rides with every driver, in every car, every time they enter the race track. Perhaps more than any other driver, Earnhardt was aware of the passenger that always rode with him.

At times it seems he drove with the belief that it was better to drive through danger than to have it hit you from the rear. There was never anything in his rearview mirror that threatened him. His fans shouldn't look in that mirror today, even in grief.

NASCAR racing, despite all the safety measures is a dangerous sport, but one that has been brought to its knees by the death of Earnhardt. Danger and death doesn't recognize names.

It's hard for some peo-

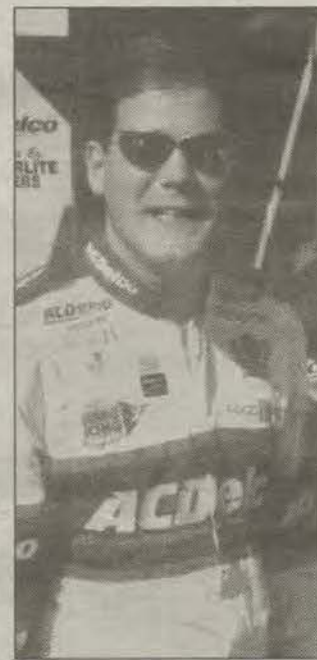
ple who are not fans of NASCAR to understand why someone would risk his life in such a sport. Dale Earnhardt, who always pushed the accelerator a little harder than the other drivers-raced as if to say he couldn't understand why someone wouldn't.

## RACES WILL GO ON

The top officials of NASCAR didn't postpone the race at

North Carolina Motor Speedway in Rockingham, NC.

"We're not going to react for the sake of reacting," Helton said.



■ Steve Park

## NASCAR's Career Money Leaders

Rank	Driver	Starts	Winnings
1	Dale Earnhardt	675	\$41,445,551
2	Jeff Gordon	257	\$34,868,823
3	Dale Jarrett	423	\$27,897,090
4	Mark Martin	428	\$25,368,316
5	Rusty Wallace	526	\$24,869,067
6	Bill Elliott	623	\$23,688,157
7	Terry Labonte	673	\$23,524,791
8	Bobby Labonte	258	\$21,166,245
9	Ricky Rudd	695	\$19,652,196
10	Darrell Waltrip	809	\$19,416,618

\*Earnings do not reflect 2001 races.

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Season	Wins	Top-5s	Top-10s	Laps%	DNF
2000	3	46		94.6%	3

### Per Race Breakdown

Race	Start	Fin.	Points	Laps	Winnings
Daytona 500	8	13	124	200	\$107,775
Dura Lube/	7	19	106	390	\$27,110
Kmart 400					
CarsDirect.com	3	10	139	148	\$76,275
400					
Cracker Barrel	2	29	81	307	\$25,805
500					
Mall.com 400	10	40	43	213	\$23,375
Food City 500	12	38	49	401	\$26,235
DIRECTV 500	4	1	185	334	\$374,675
Goody's	22	26	85496		\$33,975
Body Pain 500					
DieHard 500	6	42	37	113	\$42,850
NAPA Autoparts	20	12	127	250	\$52,375
500					
Pontiac Excite-	5	1	180	400	\$118,850
ment 500					
The Winston	5	1	0	70	\$515,000
Coca-Cola 600	1	4	170	400	\$110,900
MBNA Platinum					
400	6	10	143	398	\$63,085
Kmart 400	6	13	124	193	\$38,200
Pocono 500	15	19	106	200	\$44,015
Save Mart 350K	31	24	91	112	\$47,550
Pepsi 400	31	35	58	159	\$45,300
thatlook.com	26	21	100	272	\$51,075
300					



## Recent NASCAR Driver Deaths

Dale Earnhardt, 2001.	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Tony Roper, 2000.	Ft. Worth, Texas
Kenny Irwin, 2000.	Loudon, N.H.
Adam Petty, 2000.	Loudon, N.H.
John Nemecheck, 1997.	Homestead, Fla.
Rodney Orr, 1994.	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Neil Bonnett, 1994.	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Clifford Allison, 1992.	Brooklyn, Mich.
J.D. McDuffie, 1991.	Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Grant Adcox, 1989.	Hampton, Ga.



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